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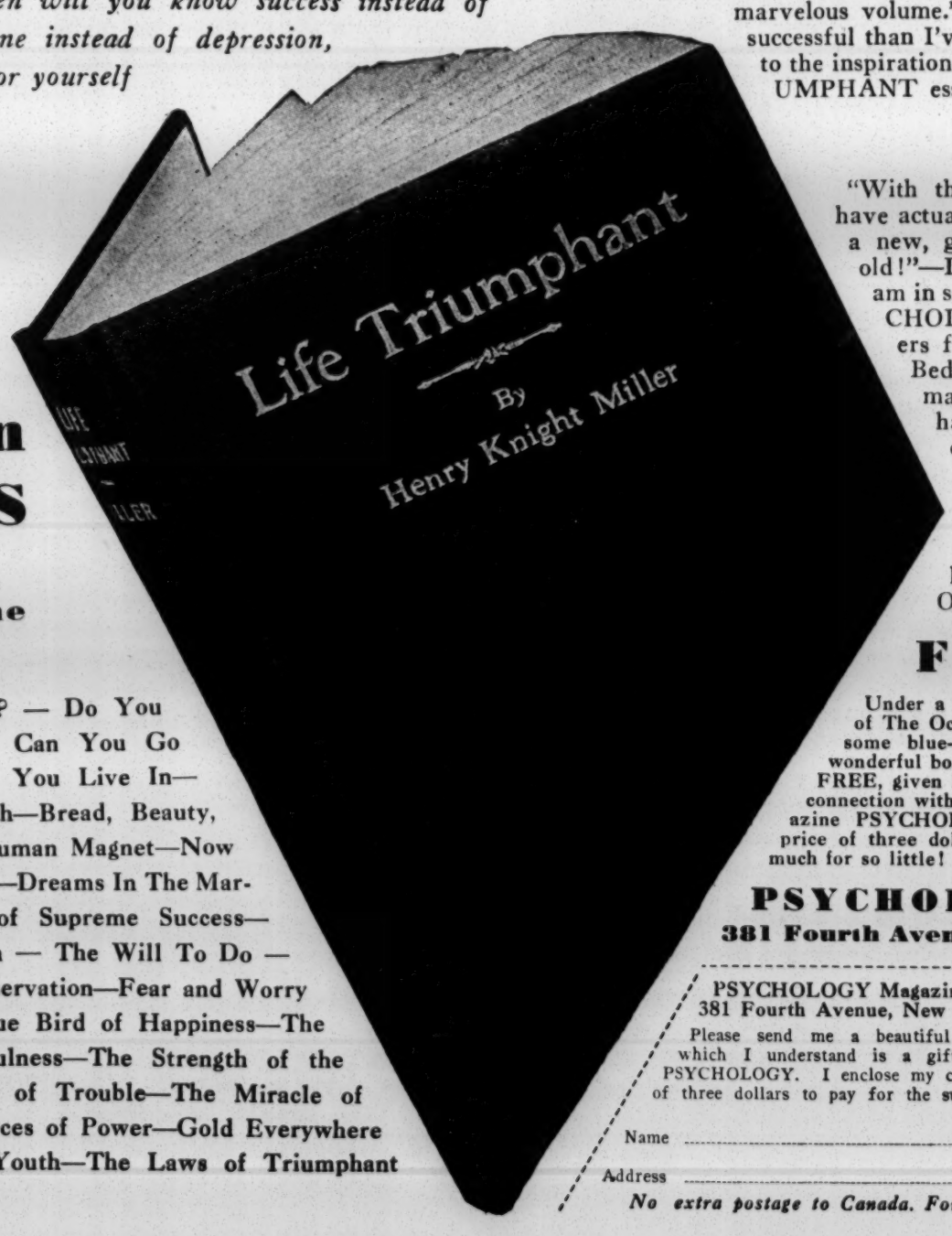

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Men of Science Must Rend the Veil of Prejudice

By EFFA E. DANELSON

WHEN MEN of science turn their attention to solving the problem of Life, using the same law they use in chemistry to ascertain the value of chemicals, their relation to each other, their independent action and their action dependent on each other, they will find the law which creates and sustains Life.

Science has solved many questions through the law of values. They treat every question that arises in a sane and scientific manner. They intelligently group and classify, assembling this in relation to that, moving like the chess player to position and relationship until they find a neutral point upon which all agree. Through the law of deduction they can mathematically, theoretically, logically and compactly, to the minutest detail give the solution and the reason for this and that with an actual and definite law put into action by the creation of their imaginative brain child. The men who can make a mechanical heart find it difficult and beyond their imagination to correlate the facts which they have in their possession for the establishment of positive communication between two minds separated by an imaginary line drawn in the beginning by an unknown quantity in the organism of the mind in the earliest days of man's recognition of a power outside of himself.

Man looks upon the motionless clay that a moment before was animated by the unknown quantity, yet known to him as father or mother who, through the power of the vocal organs made himself felt and understood; and man, losing sight of the unknown law of assembling, refuses to seek farther for the concrete individual's Life power of continued activity and because he cannot bring back animation to the stilled form, fear takes possession and he closes the avenue through which he might pass or through which his loved one could return to proclaim his continued activities.

Every question which confronts man is met intelligently and logically except the question involving the continued activity of the personnel which animated the physical body in its round of daily activities and physical association. Man absolutely refuses to apply the law of chemistry — he refuses to accept a logical answer to the question — he prefers to believe the myth of creation. He prefers to NOT believe rather than to know the TRUTH. In his **not** belief theory he finds comfort.

Death silences the physical activity — Death closes the channel through which a man demonstrates individuality, wisdom and purpose of living. Death takes the form which our eyes are accustomed to see, stills the voice our ears are accustomed to hear, removes the arms which once embraced us, yes, but **Death** does not change the immortal form, the immortal voice. That remains intact, one might say, from the beginning of Time and through the continuation of Time. For man to realize that Death is a physical transition man must act and react by the law known to him as the **unknown quantity.** Once man enters into the laboratory and through the process of deduction separates Life from the physical form he will comprehend the greater value in the loss of the lesser.

Man has advanced through continual experimenting. He has brought from the silence voices and sounds. Man must go a step farther — he must experiment until those in the now called **silent** world can be heard. The voices of the **loving** dead are filling the air everywhere and man must lay aside the **prejudices** of the past, the useless **theories** of the present and must go into the silence of his laboratory and build an instrument which will pick up the loving greetings of his loved ones. Man must go into the laboratory of his **infinite intelligence** and wrest from the past the records which are written in the ether for the edification of those who cannot comprehend through the measure of their physical natures.

When scientific men lay aside their own prejudices and the prejudices of the past and open a new ledger on which to write the findings of the **thinkers** and **observers** of law through the eyes of the progressive age in which we live, the voices of the past will be heard in proclamation, establishing a **new** law in this Aquarian age. Scientific men must lay aside the crude mechanisms of the yesteryears and use the finer instruments of the coming years.

Behold, **old things shall pass away** and the new shall come forth clothed in the robes of understanding, lighted by the lamp of wisdom of the present age.

EDITORIALS IN TUNE

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The Builders of Tomorrow

THE stage is being set for the greatest history-making epoch the world has ever experienced. The epoch-making activities on the pages of history will fade into nothingness—in fact, the records of the last decade throw into oblivion the records of the past known history. The records of science and invention alone make the greatest drama ever enacted.

The first discovery in the far, far distant days was when two pieces of flint came together and produced a spark. From that contact the search for *light* began and the great illuminating processes of light in what would seem to be the finality in lighting is the result of that discovery of long ago. Step by step man was led out of the darkness by the light of his own discoveries, intelligently perfected. That conquest is the greatest drama the world has ever had.

In every country of the world, whether by Royalty, by the Church or by acclamation of the people—none shall escape the law of compensation. Reorganization of the nations and re-distribution of the wealth of the world shall be the VICTOR in the great battle. The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be quickened, the *dumb* shall speak with clear vision and true understanding. All those who have stood for the monarchy of equal rights and the right to pursue happiness for happiness' sake shall conquer the devastating monarchies who have all but wrecked the principalities of the world; for the world and its fullness, its riches and its righteousness belong to the people under the ruling hand of those who will give Justice to all.

The youth of today are the architects and the builders of tomorrow and in their righteous judgment they will create, enact and enforce laws that will govern by a just and equitable scale of justice.

The Aquarian leaders who today hold office will bring a balance—the Aquarian leaders of the future will hold that balance. Great and mighty nations will perish by their own false interpretations of Nature's just and equitable distribution of her riches. Their sun will go down, never to rise again.

Let us repeat that the youth of today are the builders of tomorrow — that tomorrow, which casting its shadow before like a great sweeping *light,* shall reveal greater riches, greater wealth, greater accomplishments and shall enact greater dramas, more magnificent than have ever before been enacted. Let us vision for you a world without fear—a world without drudgery—a world without caste—a world filled with intelligent beings whose hearts sing with joy—every man the keeper of his brother—little children born into a truly intellectual world, without fear and with no besetting SIN to hamper and hinder their progress —born into a world of values where no stalking skeleton of the past with its avenging finger can ever destroy or mar the beauty of *living.* Let us vision a world where each actor is the creator of the supply for his own needs—a world in shadow today—a world bathed in light tomorrow, a light that dispels all the sinister shadows that pent-up humanity, living under the despotic rule of Church and Governments whose chosen disciples have cursed the earth of mankind from the earliest history to the present day. Let us picture a world under the wise guidance of *humanitarian leaders,* coming out of the shadows of the past into the great *light* of awakened intelligence with an overwhelming human feeling for each other. Let us vision this picture and bring it into expression by persistently heralding the joy of Life and *living* in mutual co-operation and companionship, nation with nation, family with family, individual with individual, until every face is a beacon light guiding directly to the Temple of *Right Living.*

What the Government Should Do

THE Government should make a drive on the land holders of this country. There should be a census taken to determine how many people would like to own a small piece of land on which they could raise enough to care for themselves and buy the necessary things which they do not raise. When this is done the Government should claim the land now held by syndicates to make farm colonies for this class of people, in each State where land is now being held and not used. These people should be given the choice of living where they can be most contented and where the climate agrees with them. There could be schools, churches and manufacturing plants established.

There should be a census of industry taken by the Government and these industrialists given an opportunity to share with the working people the privilege and the right to earn their livelihood and if they refuse to do this their industries should be confiscated by the Government under a declaration of war to save industry for the people.

Four years ago President Roosevelt set up institutions to compel corporations to recognize the rights of the workers; the Supreme Court saw fit to declare these laws unconstitutional, throwing the strength of the Government to the opposition of the welfare of the Nation. This year he has been authorized to restore these laws and he must not take the part of the watchful waiter.

WITH OUR TIMES

BY EFFA DANELSON

This country must have its resources developed and protected.

The public utilities must be taken out of the hands of private ownership.

Government property and Interstate commerce must be wrested from the hands of the financial bootleggers and restored to the people.

Lobbying in the Halls of Legislature by financial interests must be stopped.

Provision must be made for future generations.

HOMES must be erected and maintained for the generation now coming to the school age.

The Social Security act in its present form is not adequate to perform the task it has been given to do. There are too many easy-job men angling for permanent positions for the interests of themselves and their immediate families. The Government must be ever on guard for the President is beset from every angle for special privileges. His enemies in the past created this group — his enemies of the future will propagate it, but he is a fisherman and he knows the gale—the direction in which it blows, its strength and how to set his sails. He will meet with great opposition—he will be defied, maligned and many traps will be set to catch him in an unguarded moment; treachery at home and abroad by his most trusted and self-styled patriots. He can look for a great amount of underhanded work resulting in three shake-ups in the department of Legislative justice. His enemies know no defeat; they are ruthless slayers and assassins of *character* and *good will* but they are in the minority and will be unable to capture the positions which they think they have fortified for themselves.

The ascension to power of the better element and the stronger character in every department of legislative bodies *will* prevail but it will be a hard fight and a long one and the vanquished will go down and will not rise again to eminence and power.

What Did Arthur Brisbane Find at the End of the Trail?

ARTHUR BRISBANE, who for seventy-two years animated and directed the movements and activities in which his physical body was able to co-operate, held an official position in the eyes of the public. His column known as "To-day" in one of our leading newspapers was read by men and women in every walk and strata of intelligence in Life. To some he was a columnist. To many he was authority and in his world he was a man of great integrity, thoughtful and purposeful. The gifts of Life bestowed upon him were many—his opportunities of meeting and mingling with people cannot be estimated. His responsibility was great because of his many avenues to serve, instruct and enlighten his fellow men. He, like many great men in his decade, did not find it worth while to intelligently seek the answer to the question most vital, the question—is there a way back through the passage through which all must go when the physical body refuses to serve Life?

While honoring and giving credit to the many, many editorials of this great editorialist we must regret indeed the days when his column ridiculed and slandered those who, in their search for a logical and scientific sequence of Life, drew comments from his pen.

Today, the great man of letters has passed through the change which Nature has decreed *all* must make. Death is no respecter of nationality, race or creed. The door of Death opens to the rich and poor alike. Master or servant, Death says, "Come, your lease of Life given you at birth is up." Whether you are ready or not there are no excuses or alibis accepted.

Through that door Arthur Brisbane passed on Christmas morning at 5:30 and was instantly face to face with the question he so often laughed off or with a finality all his own declared there was no return way. What did he find? Let us vision a moment and see him greeted by those he loved who had preceded him and who had so lovingly and patiently awaited his coming. See his look of wonderment and hear him say, "Am I dreaming; this is not Death. The doctor must be mistaken—I am not dead!" and as his perception clears his keen mind correlates facts and in that instant he knows the change that comes to all has come to him and he remembers clearly his criticism and his ridiculing editorials against all those who participated in the search for Facts about Life and Death.

It is interesting to watch the changing expressions on the face of this master editorialist — watch the cock-sureness give way to doubt, then, when the Truth supersedes the doubt we behold him with arms outstretched in joyous, happy recognition of those who had gathered to welcome him to his new home among those he had loved in the long ago and in happy reunion with his late friends who had preceded him.

Arthur Brisbane, the philosopher, will find a way to tell his all-time audience, "My friends, I was mistaken; those who claim there is communication with the dead are right. I was wrong."

The world will await Arthur Brisbane's message.

Dreams Do Come True!

By LULA JAMES MILLER

SOME dreams do come true! However, the greater portion of them do not indicate future events, because, like our wakeful thoughts, they are both negative and positive in nature. Negative dreams are a more or less distorted jumble of thoughts from our past experiences and may indicate the trend of our everyday thinking habits from which worthwhile conclusions may be drawn through such means as psychoanalysis. Positive dreams either naturally or symbolically indicate some future activity within our mental realm, and they constitute a projection of the subconscious mind into the future state; the awareness of which depends upon the ability of the dreamer to bring the undistorted facts up into the objective mind upon awakening. It requires a peculiarly delicate connection between the objective and subjective mind to do this, therefore, dreams which portray the future are noted much less often than are those of a negative design.

I have not always believed that dreams could portray future events, having been taught during the process of education that such beliefs were purely superstitious; but experience has taught me through a bitter lesson that some dreams may either actually or symbolically envision future events. It must be remembered that positive dreams are entirely different in nature from the negative ones. They are vivid, alive, and so tenacious that you seem unable to forget them. Even when you have assured yourself that they mean nothing you will find them returning to your mind repeatedly, and when they persist in this fashion you must give them consideration.

My first experience along this line came in the year of 1917. My mother and my seven year old nephew came to live with me. My nephew's name was Theodore and he was just three months older than my own son. I loved him dearly for he was an adorable child. He did not get along very well in his school work and the nurse there said that his eyes needed attention. I took him to an oculist, who said that it would be necessary to have his tonsils and adenoids removed before his eyes could be properly fitted with glasses. I consulted a physician and we made arrangements to have an operation.

The night before this operation my mother vividly dreamed that someone came to her and told her that we must not operate on Theodore. She was filled with fear and then thought that we carried out the operation and when it was finished someone came to her carrying a tray upon which lay Theodore's heart. Mother cried out that he could not live without his heart, and was so terror stricken that she awakened. She could not sleep during the balance of the night. In the morning she told me about her dream and insisted that I call the doctor and tell him that we would not have the operation done. A dear friend, a school teacher, was present and we both thought that the dream was due to worry. We carried out our plans and the operation was successfully performed without excess hemorrhage, but in a day or two pneumonia developed. We knew that he had been carefully cared for but a few days later we were astonished to find that three weeks prior he had been exposed and was now developing whooping cough. The final result was a fatal streptococcus infection. The illness was a prolonged one. He died in my arms and his last words were to tell me how dearly he loved me. So deeply was one of the nurses touched with the pathos of the case that she vowed never to care for another child during illness. The physician who operated was forced to go away for relaxation due to nervous strain. I was heartbroken and nerve-shattered. This experience changed my whole outlook regarding such matters as dreams and psychic experiences, and I can truly date my active interest in Occult Philosophy to that time.

A short time after the above experience I moved miles away from that city, then to my present home. Years later I studied the Science of Astrology and was elated to know that one could discern much of the future through this method; but like all students of Natal Astrology I met with the disconcerting problem of uncertain birth-hours. I resolved to do all that I could toward having correctly registered the exact time of birth of as many infants as possible who were being born in the present time. I then began to interest every physician I knew in the age-old science of astrology.

The physician who had operated on my nephew was then at the head of the obstetrical department of one of the largest hospitals in our state. So while visiting in my old home town I called to see him. As I entered his office I noted the time and later erected a horary chart for that moment, inserting therein the planets according to their location on his birthday, for like many others he did not know his birth-hour. When the chart was finished I was dismayed to find that he was approaching what seemed to be a fatal illness. I did not dare, nor would I predict his death, but I did advise him to give serious and careful attention to his own health. As the chart I used was of a horary type I could not predict the time of the event.

On the night of February 2, 1933, just three months after I had visited my physician, I went to bed as usual and awakened some time after midnight. As I was drifting off to sleep again I was caught by a positive dream. I knew that I was dreaming. I have read that mental scientists state that no one dreams in terms of color, but that is untrue in my experience for as my dream began I was in a field of very green and thrifty clover. I approached a house wherein was my own family. They were unaware of my presence when I appeared before them and I realized that my psychic body was free. I knew that while in this state I could go where I willed and for some unaccountable reason I willed to go to my physician in the distant city. As I did so I noticed three ears of yellow corn lying at my feet. I stooped and picked them up but replaced two of them, then, carrying one, I was instantly in my old home town. For a moment I was bewildered for I did not know the home address of my physician and I knew it was then night time; but upon consideration I remembered that I could will myself into his presence, which I did, and arrived at a house by the side of the river. I knew this was not his home and had the impression that it was a place for relaxation. His wife and two grown children were there with him. He insisted upon shaking hands with me but I refused, trying to explain that it was my psychic body which he was seeing and telling him that if he touched me I would immediately be at home in bed. However, he failed to understand and approached me with outstretched hands. I arose to a height above him so he could not touch me and then tossed him the ear of corn, telling him that I would return again and again. I distinctly saw myself returning home and then awakened.

I was so impressed and agitated by this dream that I got up and wrote it down with the date, etc. I could not free myself from the experience for days, yet I did not dare write to my physician for fear of making myself ridiculous. On the morning of February 22 my son received a telephone call from his aunt in this same city, asking that he come there at once upon some urgent business. I went along and shortly after arriving there I called my physician on the telephone for I was sure that something unusual had happened to him. It was during his evening office hours but no one answered the phone. I then called the physician's exchange and the girl there asked me if I did not know that my doctor was in the hospital very ill, in

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The Savored Salt Is Unafraid

By PEGGY DELL

HAVING had the beautiful experience of "being a Branch of the Vine," I believe I have understanding sufficient to see on the inside of the situation which has arisen among the Christian nations of today, enough that I am not afraid of the results.

These three quotations taken from a magazine and from two daily papers will explain the problem:

The magazine says: "Today the governments of the countries which contain a third of all Christians are waging a ruthless war against the Christian Church."

One daily paper reports: "Church services in which the worship of God 'is degraded by entertainment, vulgar exhibitions in the pulpit, frivolity in the choir loft, and sibilant gossip in the pew'."

Another paper states: "Episcopalians seek to join Catholicism. See world attack against Religion led by Russia, Mexico." Plainly the situation is one of discontent. What caused this disturbance? In Good (God) there is only harmony. "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace."

I know that when a housewife feels discontented with her home, she jerks out all the rugs, puts them on the line, takes a broom and beats them until no dust is left. Then she leaves them there for the sun to purify. Next she mops under the beds and even cleans out the dresser drawers, throwing away the useless and keeping the beneficial. After this is over, she lives in peace with herself until she is again made discontented with the accumulation of dirt.

The church organizations need to have a good house-cleaning. There is nothing wrong with the Teachings of Jesus. Christianity is just the same now as it was when He explained it to us through His great works.

"But if the salt have lost his savor, it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

These organizations—not Christianity — have lost their savor. I shall prove it by facts which happened in my home town.

Though my home town is only a village, the inhabitants are human beings, the same, practically, as are in New York, Russia, or Mexico. They cry and laugh; they hunger and thirst; they search vainly for happiness. Just as the people of large cities and of other nations, they have grown more discontented and restless of late; because they have taken the wrong road to happiness, that of the mammon instead of the road to God. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

"Make not my Father's house a house of merchandise."

Didn't one of our organizations have a "Pure Food Show" in the church, and sell everything from second-hand clothes and lard to hamburgers? Another church gave a party inside the House, and had a prize drawing. Fifteen cents to fish and you got a prize worth at least three cents.

Every summer at revivals another one takes up donations. Mr. Jones has to tell aloud what he gives and the name is again called with the amount given. The big members are afraid not to contribute large donations because they do not want to be thought stingy, and how they do love the praise of men. The poor washerwoman — well, they will take all she will give, too. The preacher understands his psychology—"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." Such are some of the leaders of our flocks.

"And why ye take thought of raiment?"

Go to church and look at the congregation. What do you see? Gorgeous clothes, cocky hats, paint, dyed hair and eyelashes and permanents. Everyone is trying to improve on Nature. What God must think of His worshippers! Do you suppose that they are fooling Him? "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." I know of at least fifteen ladies who make a dress for each day of the revival. They plan for them weeks ahead, so that they can outdo the others. They even go so far as to hang them up when finished in the closet in order of the days they are to wear them. It seems that they are thinking of everything else rather than showing mercy on the poor members who have only one Sunday dress, and of giving to the needy.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

Did you ever visit a Church Sewing Circle? "For it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church." This circle is one of the biggest gossiping centers ever organized, and I say it without feeling that I have exaggerated. We have had young girls who were certainly in need of The Physician to be thrown outside the church doors because of talk started in these circles.

"Give good measure, press down and shaken together and running over."

There are the Christian business men who go to church on Sunday and then on Monday give you the little end of a deal, and the doctor who goes to the services and then comes home and charges eight dollars to visit a poor sick man ten miles away.

Visit a church ice cream supper and see how much cake and ice cream you get for fifteen cents. Or to one of their dinners for twenty-five cents. If you haven't eaten with them, you should by all means, in order to understand fully what I mean. Of course they are trying to make money; but are they asking for donations or are they giving a measure pressed down as a Christian organization should do?

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."

I sigh in sorrow at our Christian world when I say that I could give fifty cases in my home town such as the two I have given here:

Widow Jones needed quilts for her four children and so the Church women made her three out of old overalls and rags; they made the stitches so big that a dime could be run under most of them. Then Mrs. Thomas' house burnt. Mrs. Thomas was a big member. She owned much land and was a member of the Eastern Star. So these same women gave Mrs. Thomas a shower and she received so much that the things could not fit in one room. She got nine beautifully quilted quilts, one having 9,850 diamonds pieced together and quilted with the neatest of stitches.

A baby shower was given to poor Sarah Brown, who had five other half-clothed children. She was given enough to fill a shoe-box. No names were pinned to the articles, the most expensive costing fifteen cents. Then within the same week Mrs. Harrison was given a baby shower. Mrs. Harrison was a member of the Eastern Star. So she received enough gifts to fill the back of two V8's, the most expensive costing fifteen dollars! Names were pinned to each article, so that as they sat in a circle around the expectant mother the ladies could examine and praise the gifts. "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Everyone knows of malicious information given by so-called Christians, or of lives made unhappy by gossip carried, or of other variances uprooted; but there is one thing which should be brought to light: How can Christian organizations take up the Flag of War and conscientiously shout: "Let us kill to save our honor"?

I talked with a lady who thinks she is a good Christian about this the other day.

"Well, I'd hate to think my two boys would be cowards and not go to war if our country needed protecting," she said, when I stated that there was no excuse for war.

"I thought you were bringing up your children to be Christians?" I returned.

"I certainly am!"

"I didn't know Christians were cowards."

"They are not!"

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NEPTUNE, THE ELUSIVE

By ALLIE HAZARD MOORE

WHEN the planet Neptune was discovered, in September of 1846, it was a notable achievement and one dreamed of for fifty years by the leading astronomers of the world.

Its physical habits and eccentricities were noted and catalogued. The fact that it had but one satellite—that its diameter is 34,800 miles and that it receives only one nine-hundredth of the light from the sun that the earth does, was intensely interesting.

But it remained for those silent and patient researchers, the occult minded astrologers, to delve into further facts which are far more important to the waiting world, for they open a new vista of thought for thousands, leading to both mental and spiritual development.

Since it takes over a century and a half for this ponderous planet to circle the skies, its arrival in one particular sign and the changes which it causes during its stay in it of fourteen years, becomes most illuminating.

How a planet 2,791,500,000 miles from the Sun can affect us, may be explained to the thinking person through some scientific facts. Neptune is watery and vapory and gaseous in physical nature, these facts immediately suggesting the elusive or highly idealistic, utopian qualities all astrologers attribute to it when well placed in the birth chart, while the opposite, or chaotic and peculiarly unstable conditions, result from the poorly placed Neptune at birth. The etheric nature of this planet and its highly gaseous composition, so easily affected by universal vibration, makes the effects of Neptune readily understandable to the occult scientists and the lay student is also getting a clearer understanding as the human mind and intellect expand in keeping with our recognition of the ever forward evolutionary trend.

In astrological practice Neptune is accounted as being dualistic, comatose, neutral and convertible, negative materially and positive spiritually. It is said to be the planet of Divinity and, in the senses, to rule psychometry. Its colors are those of ocean water and the varying shades of amethyst and lavender, an irridescent blend. It has an affinity for Friday, being the higher octave of Venus. It is the ruling planet of the 12th Zodiacal sign, Pisces.

However, to study Neptune from his material and physical aspects would be to know little or nothing of his real nature—in fact, it would be as reasonable to judge the disposition of a man by the cigarette he smokes, but if we study Neptune through his relation to other standards we may be able to deduce some interesting facts.

Almost everyone knows that the vibrations which cause heat and light come from the sun, and where light and heat radiate we have force or energy. Physical scientists know that throughout the world and its surroundings there is a tenuous substance called ether, pervaded by everything that is solid, liquid or gaseous. In this ether all things are formed of one and the same material, an elementary substance in the form of ions. Each ion is joined to or is being actuated by a charge of electricity. These are in rapid motion and the nature of the charges and the speed and direction of the movements determine the nature of all the infinite forms of matter, in all grades of density, from gas to solids.

So ether is the essence of all matter, always affected by force, of which electricity is only one form of manifestation. Every vibration travels through all space.

Hertz waves vibrate 6 million per second.

Infra-red heat waves, 100 million per second.

Light waves, red and violet, 400 billions per second.

Ultra violet, 2,000 per second.

N-rays and X-rays, probably trillions per second.

So, sound which is audible to our ears, may be detected by a sensitive flame, and light invisible to us can be made visible by some flourescent substance or demonstrated in chemical action. But to many of these waves, we have no mode of response. So whether we speak of X-rays, electricity, light, color or sound, we are speaking of vibration and vibration is energy. Since light, heat, color and sound are closely related, we may deal with them according to their vibrations, and these determine whether they are light, heat, color or sound.

It has been proved by scientists that the nervous system of man is a perfect telegraph unit. This nervous system is sensitive to the peculiar electric action of atmosphere wave-lengths, and is approximately 5,000 miles in length. This radio sensitivity enables one to receive impressions from inanimate objects as well as mental images. (Starrett.)

Heat, light and color produce their sensations through etheric vibrations, each bearing some affinity to the other and with the primary celestial orbs. These differ in quality and act through the nervous system of the human frame in accordance with its sensitiveness.

Different colors have different wavelengths. Red is the greatest, then orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. X-rays are invisible to the eye.

If the vibrations are transformed into sound waves, we hear what we cannot see or feel. The radio has vibrations which are invisible and inaudible, yet they travel through all materials. If we tune in, we hear—otherwise we remain oblivious.

It is obvious that we should not remain blind to the truths which confront us and the correspondences which bind the fabric of the universe together.

Science shows that the planets are composed of the same elements as the earth. The universe is composed of various forms of energy and elements produced by such energy. This is radiation of different frequencies. Invisible and inaudible radiations are used for killing microbes with ultra-violet rays. They use high frequency generators to grow plants in place of sunlight. We know through the study of vitamines that light is brain-food.

Radiations from the planets affect humanity through the nervous system. Every substance contains molecules and electrons which are subject to radiations of different frequencies. Radio-active elements are found in the atmosphere as well as on land and in water. All elements respond to certain frequencies and break up and form a different substance.

It should be borne in mind that the law operates in all parts of the universe and not in certain parts. Nothing is so ridiculous as the would-be scientist who balks at admitting this truth. When we pursue the trail of truth we must go where it leads us!

The permeability of matter has been studied by scientists for a long time. Sir David Brewster notes the passage of carbon through solid wood by means of electric fluid, and by an electric current an acid may be separated from its sodium base and passed through the dilute syrup of violets without changing the color of the solution. The question then arises, in what form was the carbon in the one case and the acid in another when they passed through their respective media. Obviously their atomic vibrations were temporarily raised in such degree by electric action as to change them from their normal characters. (Sepharial.)

Everything in the universe has an aura of its own—an emanation of light and color. This is usually from one foot to three in depth around humans, and fourteen miles deep around the earth. This aura is constantly changing according to the vibrations impinging upon it from other auras and planetary bodies.

Those whose sight is highly developed state that the aura around the head is blue. At the feet it is red. The right side is grey blue, the left yellow. This corresponds with the visible heavens, as blue is associated with the midnight point, red with the South and mid-day; the neutral to the East and dawn; the yellow at the West and sunset.

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A PROOF OF SURVIVAL

By CLARKSON DYE

THE learned psychical societies of America and Great Britain persist in declaring that incontrovertible proofs of survival after death have not been satisfactorily produced. They have had thousands of experimental seances, investigated automatic writing of messages, have sought out purported ghosts and other so-called spirit entities who have appeared in various communities. "Not evidential" is their invariable comment.

What, then, can be considered as coming strictly under the requirements of evidence? Much of the material collected by the British Society of Psychical Research and its American counterpart has, they frankly confess, inexplicable features. But they appear to take the attitude that where there is a doubt it is prudent to adopt a negative attitude. The courts of law have rigid and well-established rules whereby that which can be accepted as evidence can be easily determined, and is or is not admissible. Can we not, then, find a common ground of acceptance for what is prima facie proof of the truth of psychic revelations?

Let us see if this cannot be done. Let us weigh carefully a new technique of proof in regard to survival after death.

Lurking hidden within that mysterious and obscure border-line between the known and the unknown are many facts awaiting capture. We grope and hunt persistently in this domain, using every resource of skill and science; intrepid and courageous hunters now and then emerge in triumph dragging another fact into the light of day—and the world has a new thrill. Beyond doubt the most elusive of all the demonstrable facts sought by man is the proof of survival after death. The matter-of-fact generation of today is asking why can we not have knowledge, instead of faith, regarding a world beyond this one?

It is a singular thing that while the Bible is full of references to spiritual visitants to this earth, that many who accept it as a "holy" and inspired book unhesitantly refuse to accept latter-day manifestations of the presence of spirit entities amongst us from the world beyond.

Let us be logical about this. If survival is certain, if there is a considerable amount of testimony regarding it which psychical savants frankly admit is inexplicable, what shall we do with these revelations? The judges admit they are not fraudulent, nor tricks of hypnosis, mental telepathy or other mundane sources. We don't want to seem unjustifiably credulous, nor, on the other hand, can we refuse to be just.

And yet, how shall we label these baffling expositions and disclosures? How shall we be able to find and use a decisive regent with its results as sure as those which the chemist finds through his laboratory tests, or the assayer when he determines the value of ores in his crucible? To be conclusive and acceptable beyond question, proofs of survival must be as demonstrable as a mathematical problem which is solved through the use of known principles, or as proportions of hydrogen and oxygen inevitably produce water.

It would seem that in reviewing the results of psychic experiments and phenomena during the past years that one investigator has inadvertently stumbled upon what may prove to be a long-sought and convincing key to prove the continuance of life after death. As a new technique of proof it yet remains to be tried out; but the important fact is, that an instrument seems to have been discovered and that we should use it to discover whether it is potent and infallible. We believe it is. Singularly enough, this investigator did not appear to regard his discovery as an important find, nor to have followed it up.

What, then, was the unrecognized sign-post that this investigator passed by? It was no more nor less than a thumb-print, clear and distinguishable, which a spirit entity had imprinted while materialized from the ectoplasm of a medium. If we remember right, the materialized one even suggested that thumb-print clearly. The pity of it is that when the medium said that the personality of this spirit form could be irrefutably proven by comparing this thumb-print on the wax with an old razor-blade used before the death of this entity, that the razor-blade thumb-print was too blurred and indistinct to make comparison possible!

But the important fact remains that this ectoplastic personality was able to make and leave his thumb-print. It has since been seen and verified by several people. The unmistakable impression of a thumb is there, recorded on the wax. Well, shall we stop there, and merely comment that this revelation is an interesting experiment in psychic phenomena?

This would hardly seem to be the way in which the scientist reacts, or the chemist proceeds when an unlooked-for element bobs up in the laboratory. Many a great discovery in physics and science has leaped into notice through the surprise visitors to the test-tube. Let us, then, grant this psychical disclosure with at least similar recognition.

If this spirit personality has left his thumb-print with us, others who have passed on can also do so. The writer suggests that all of us who have had some contact with occult and psychical phenomena adopt some general and definite plan for the recording of our finger-prints at this time. The many psychic societies and groups throughout the world should each provide cards of uniform size and data for this purpose. The finger-prints on these cards should be accompanied by its verification by one or more well-known persons within the organization, or attested by an official of the city. Personal data and peculiarities should also be included and such other facts as will aid in positive identification. Such data, after being made, should be deposited in a central office for future reference.

Since few of us are able to "come through" after death, it would also seem advisable that as many of us as possible should now, at this time, make these finger-print records.

If we, now amongst the living, have our finger-prints and other personal data recorded, verified, and filed in a central office, should it not constitute satisfactory, incontrovertible evidence of survival, if, after death, some of us are able to return and make finger-prints which correspond exactly with those we thus made while in life?

It is urged that steps be taken by those interested in trying out this experiment; in formulating a general system whereby such records can be made and filed.

Who can predict the importance of the future results? If successful, should this not awaken thousands to the realization that, after passing over, we are neither dead nor sleeping?

To One I Love

by HELEN AXTELL

I cannot see, the road ahead is gray,
Just a sweet memory, Dear Heart, to light the way.
Only a dream, and as I long to keep
Close to my heart this dream, perchance in sleep
You will return, and with your presence bless
But waking is an agony of loneliness.
So this is left, beloved, this single prayer,
That when death comes at last, I'll meet you there.

TREMENDOUS TRIFLES

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Ninth Installment

"Singleness of Thought"

THE psychologists place a lot of faith in *thought*. They say that everything in life of man is traceable to thought. If an individual is interested in a project, or if he is involved in anything whatsoever, thought did it. If there is anything at all that you would like to become interested in, you can interest yourself by thought. Thought, the psychologists continue, will change your existence all the way around. It will pull you out of the rut or mean job and elevate you to that position of which you have always dreamed. It will change your job, your disposition, your state of life; it will change you from a timorous to a courageous individual, from a weak and fearful man to a powerful and masterful one. Thought does all this.

Every accomplishment is to be traced to the thought-processes in the mind of man. In the mind of Edison, the electric light flamed long before it lighted the thoroughfares of the world's busiest cities. In the mind of Wright, the aeroplane soared to the heights long before Lindberg flew the Atlantic. The accomplishments of Edison and Wright and Burroughs were successfully accomplished in their minds before the world knew about them. If their inventions had failed, they had failed first in the minds of the inventors. Success or failure must begin with thought. Sir Isaac Newton was asked how he happened to discover the *law of gravitation*. "By always thinking about it," was his answer. Newton's thought was that he would one day solve the problem of gravitation. He did not consider that he might fail to find the solution; his thoughts were all directed toward the discovery of the mystic power which we now know as gravitation. Seeing an apple fall from the tree started his mind to working and wondering about the force which seems always to compel objects to fall to earth. From thenceforward, he exerted all his powers of thought in solving the problem and the result was *success*.

Thought brought success to Edison and Wright and Newton and all the rest of the notables who have achieved, only because they learned the lesson, "concentration." They were able to accomplish because they fixed their attention on the things they were doing to the exclusion of all else. They solved one problem at a time. They did not disrupt and scatter their powers by attempting to do many things at once. That is the habit of the man who fails. It is impossible to drive an oxcart and fly an aeroplane simultaneously. It is just as impossible to invent an aeroplane and discover the law of gravitation simultaneously.

Singleness of thought is the explanation of the achievements of Edison and Wright and Newton. It is only the single thought that can penetrate to the inner man and work back into concrete fact. The individual who concentrates on a dozen thoughts is not concentrating; he will never work one of his dozen of thoughts to a successful conclusion. Like the Austrian emperor who began hundreds of important projects without finishing one, he will leap about from thought to thought and act to act, and go through life without purpose or accomplishment.

If you feel the need of a hat, buy it just as soon as you find one that meets the requirements of taste and pocketbook. If you look for a day and are unable to make a decision as to the hat you want and finally go home without making a purchase in spite of the fact that you need a hat and have the money to buy one, you have lost an important battle with your imagination. Go back as soon as possible and buy the hat you think looks best on you. Don't give a thought to the hundreds of other hats you saw which looked good or better or worse on you; but confine yourself to one hat and one only. That is singleness of thought crudely explained. The result will be the purchase of a hat, and if that is the only thing you accomplish that day you will at least have accomplished something. That will convince you that singleness of thought leads to singleness of purpose.

Whatever you start out to do, you will do only after you have learned the lesson of singleness of thought. Try to put on your overshoes and your shirt at the same time. You will do neither. No accomplishment deserving of the name is born without a singleness of thought and purpose.

"With Regard to Cost"

The action of man is justified by two things: the end of the road and the direction in which the road travels. If the end brings finally, sorrow and pain and regret, it were better that the action be dropped while yet it may. Oftentimes, the end is to be judged by the direction in which the road travels, though not always. Holmes said, "The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going." Thus, it would seem that the final goal we are to reach is to be judged by the road we travel. If the road we travel brings sadness in the hearts of others, if the road we travel works hardships into other people's lives, if we feel dissatisfied, and morose, conscience-stricken, we are traveling in the wrong direction. If we have any regard for the cost, if we would reach a less drearisome goal, it were well that we change the direction in which we are going—take another road.

It may appear that the road we travel is filled with attractive things. The final end only, will justify what we accept along the way. If we would reach the goal to which we aspire, it were well to have some regard for the cost. If upon regarding the cost, we find that we are not paying too much for the thing we get, we are assured that we are going in the right direction. Socrates considered the cost before he set out on his journey. And then, after he knew he was going in the right direction, he calmly *disregarded the cost*, the hardships, the agonies to which he must be subjected along the way, and went forward happy with the knowledge that he was traveling in the right direction. Socrates knew that it was his divinely-appointed mission to force upon his fellow men self-knowledge, and conviction of ignorance. What man with an inspiration of that nature could ever travel the wrong road? Self-knowledge, Socrates felt, would be the first step toward betterment. He felt that no man was willingly bad, and that vice was ignorance. Thus, with the abolition of ignorance among the youth, vice and evil would at that moment disappear.

Every youth appearing in the market place and the streets and public resorts was sure to find Socrates there with his words of wisdom. But the adult Athenians laughed at Socrates and called him fool. In this man of humble mien and garb, they refused to see the great teacher and leader; they saw only his ungainly figure, protuberant stomach, his bald head, bulging eyes and upturned nostrils; they saw only a disreputable and beggarly old man with staring eyes who walked the streets barefoot winter and summer, uncomplaining and in want. And when at the fair he exclaimed, "How many things there are that I do not need," they knew that he was crazy, for even then he had but one piece of clothing and naught but bread and water for food.

Charges were finally brought against this wise old man who sought to save the race by saving the youth, and among other things the charges read: "—He is guilty also of corrupting the youth." He was found guilty as charged and condemned to drink the hemlock—to suffer death only because he considered not the cost to himself in his working for the youth of the land. He was guilty only of loving the young, and

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Poets' Page

Poem of Richard Realf
Written on the Night of His Suicide

"De mortuis nil nisi bonum." When
For me this end has come and I am dead,

And the little voluble, chattering daws of men
Peck at me curiously, let it then be said

By some one brave enough to speak the truth:
Here lies a great soul killed by cruel wrong.

Down all the balmy days of his fresh youth
To his bleak, desolate noon, with sword and song,

And speech that rushed up hotly from the heart,
He wrought for liberty, till his own wound

(He had been stabbed) concealed with painful art
Through wasting years, mastered him, and he swooned,

And sank there where you see him lying now

With the word "Failure" written on his brow.

But say that he succeeded. If he missed
World's honors, and world's plaudits, and the wage

Of the world's deft lacqueys, still his lips were kissed
Daily by those high angels who assuage

The thirstings of the poets—for he was
Born unto singing—and a burthen lay

Mightily on him, and he moaned because
He could not rightly utter to the day

What God taught in the night. Sometimes, nathless,
Power fell upon him, and bright tongues of flame

And blessings reached him from poor souls in stress;
And benedictions from black pits of shame,

And little children's love and old men's prayers

And a Great Hand that led him unawares.

So he died rich. And if his eyes were blurred
With big films—silence! he is in his grave.

Greatly he suffered; greatly, too, he erred;
Yet broke his heart in trying to be brave.

Nor did he wait till Freedom had become
The popular shibboleth of courtier's lips;

He smote for her when God himself seemed dumb
And all His arching skies were in eclipse.

He was a-weary, but he fought his fight,
And stood for simple manhood; and was joyed

To see the august broadening of the light
And new earths heaving heavenward from the void.

He loved his fellows, and their love was sweet—

Plant daisies at his head and at his feet.

Contributed by George W. Wiggs, Chicago, Ill.

Mystic Paths
by Grace Evelyn Brown

O pines and fronds and fluttering birds that wing!
You raise my thoughts above the mossy sod,
And make this world a lovely place to sing
Of paradise and ecstasy and God.
The purple-massing distant hills must bring
A wonder that mere heavy soil, a clod,
Can to the skies its radiant beauty fling.
Each doubting thought with reverence is awed.

O there are devious paths that wind and wind!
With obvious facts the questioning mind is bound.
Give me a little sot of a living earth
With lifting ferns and leaves; this sacred ground
Will fling my spirit high and I shall find
The mysteries of life and death and birth.

Flight
by Georgia Moore Eberling

How does the soul wing its way
to the heavenly realms,
when it leaves the weary body?
Does it rise aloft on strong pinions
and breast the wind, exultantly,
as the sea gulls do, and the strong wild ducks?
Does it put out sails
like the tiny yachts
that lift their white and yellow canvas,
and bow to the wind,
seeming at times to float without effort
over a sea of glass?
Does it glide smoothly along
under power from some unseen Source
like the great liners that hug the skyline
out from the Golden Gate?
Or does it mourning go
like a dove bereft of its mate,
with many a backward look
at the still ivory form
that housed it through the years?
How *does* the soul wing its way
to the celestial realms?

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Still Shines the Star
by Lucille Evans

In his dark hour the poet sat, his head
Low-bowed in deepest thought of many things
That to all mortal life such sorrow brings
That, in these times, the wish that he were dead
Possessed him utterly, and the black dread
Of weeping years was like to smolderings
Of slow and hidden fires whose smoke upflings
Its ebon pall, with darkness overspread.

But when he turned to the bright sky he felt
The perfect nearness of Eternal Love;
He saw in that high dome the first white star
Of evening shine, and knew that now he dwelt
In spirit with the Brotherhood above,
And, kneeling there, communed with those afar.

INTELLECTUALISM

By CHARITY WESTOVER

THE atmosphere is full of it, this intellectual substance that floats all about us, but we are not all educated to reaching forth and grasping it. We are like children, who having the books wherewith to learn and have no one to teach them. Some of the brighter ones, might figure it out finally, like a Burbank or an Edison, but the majority of them would be too shiftless to exert the least energy. That is what is happening to us older ones. We're too shiftless to try and figure things out for ourselves, so something has to happen to help us along.

A great many people here on our little earth seem to think all they have to do is believe a few certain things, pass out and get their reward. What reward? How can one expect to receive a reward when he has done nothing? When an officer of the Army gets a medal he has done something to earn that medal. We must do something else beside believing a few certain things. With all this intellectual essence floating about, our brains lie dormant when they should be reaching forth and grasping some of it. Like electricity, there's plenty of it. One can draw as large an amount as he wishes, filling his brain cells to capacity and there's still plenty, always plenty left for others. There is no limit.

We are placed here on this little earth to do something to help each other along, to help humanity progress, so that we will be able to put this little world on the map of the great Universe, and what have we done? A few, a very few, have answered to the call, devoting their entire lives to the cause, without the thought of selfish gain. They worked because they found what the Creator had placed them here for and did their work well. Some of these great men have been misjudged, called infidels and atheists by some of the more ignorant who did not understand. But we know this is untrue. These wonderful ones have worked hand in hand with the Creator. They did their work quietly, not loudly proclaiming their importance like many less important men of today.

We cull out plants and chicks and other things, but the Creator does not cull out human beings. They are too precious. When the great Master placed us here on this little earth to do certain work and we have not done it, something has to be finally sent to put our minds in the proper condition so that we will do that work. That is why there is going to be a great change. Many have felt it coming, but have been backward about talking of it. Great men, who have done wonderful things to help humanity along realized, got to work using their brains and did some wonderful things, but the majority of us just dawdled along and couldn't see beyond our noses. We poked about unhappy like and thought "Oh well—when we die and go to Heaven, we'll find eternal happiness!" Now, isn't that selfishness? Or is it laziness?

Some very earnest men are teaching the world is coming to an end. Do you believe the Creator places earths around in the great Universe and then destroys them? The earth will stand and this great change that is about to come to pass will prepare our minds so that we will be able to go ahead with the work we have been placed here to do. Who can dream of the heights we may attain! With the knowledge drawn from the Universe, we may in a short time be able to communicate with other worlds, even travel to other spheres and learn how they are doing the great Master's work. When one stops to think how selfish and prevaricative we have been all these years it makes one ashamed. How important we have felt of this little earth of ours! Then think of the thousands and thousands of other earths who are far more progressive than we! Perhaps, this wonderful change that is coming to us is sent from some of the other earths, to show us the way. Anyway, whatever it is, we will welcome it with open arms. We've had wars, crimes and jangles in political affairs, until we have grown tired and discouraged, so now this change is coming to relieve us. Coming softly over the atmosphere, like a soft gentle wind that comes in the early spring and melts the heavy snows on the mountain sides. It's not for only a few, but for all. Are we not all one big family, brothers and sisters in distress? We couldn't really feel happy if only a few were chosen and the others destroyed, could we? Not a one of us are really selfish at heart. It is only that conditions have made us so. We realize we've had crime, but such things are caused by some unnatural disturbance in the great cosmos, mental agitation with some of our weaker brothers. When this change gets in full swing, there will be no more crime. Brotherly love will fill our hearts so that there will be no more contention among us. The young folks will be happier, will sing and dance and enjoy themselves to the limit. But their joy will be of a more spiritual nature. It will be natural, not artificial. It will be like the birds in the springtime of the year. All the tiny cells will be filled in our brains with this intellectual power, making it impossible for evil thoughts to exist. This will cause the brain to be occupied so there will be no time for carnal or secular emotions. Population will dwindle, no doubt, but we will have a better, a more perfect class of people in the generations to come.

People will live longer because, when the brain is steadily at work, it will instill energy all through our system, so that we will have little time to think of sickness or death. Perhaps, who knows—when we get started right and get to living perfect lives, death may be obliterated altogether.

Rona, Goddess of Kama

by BEN FIELD

Now flies the perfumed God, Hindu Kama,
From out his summered land of spice.
In love with Rona, intrigued by young love's drama,
He leaves his wonted fields of palm and rice.

Enthroned, yet riding on his amorous sparrow,
He leans betimes to give a fond caress
To one who stirs, thrice passionately his marrow—
Yet will he not his passion all confess.

Right royally he holds his sensuous arrows
And fits them to his bow of blossomed flowers—
Swifter than all earth's darting sorrows
He counts his pleasures by the speeding hours.

And Rona, prized of God-like Kama's arms,
What though a thousand years had bound the two,
Ten times a thousand youths adored her charms
And loved her as a Queen they might not woo.

But gracious Rona was herself God-like
Her darling name voluptuousness meant—
She knew with her two hands that she could strike
The very heart-beat to her Lord she'd lent.

Sometimes in that wide, golden land beyond,
Where these two serve the Truth that will not cloy,
Rona and Kama, enmeshed in spirit bond,
Remembered their earth-life and all its joy.

Humanity and the Psychic Law

By EFFA E. DANELSON

FROM the earliest record to the present day, humanity has sought a respite from Death's challenge and a solution to her silence. Poets have sung songs—prophets have envisioned the silent places—religionists have made use of symbols—philosophers have reasoned the whys and wherefores, causes and effects, all to no avail, for man still asks the old, old question—"Where is my beloved wife, mother or child?"

Cold, grim Death does not answer. Mute lips and closed eyes chill the heart of the mourner — prayers are futile — sermons are mockery — the gloom becomes deeper and blacker. The light has left the home and the bereaved ones enter the darkened chamber with their very souls crying out in anguish—"Oh, my beloved, where are you, where are you?" and then, from nowhere in particular comes the answer . . . "I am here, my dear one, can't you see me, can't you feel my hand upon your arm, my kiss upon your brow?" In the hush that follows, you do see, you do feel, through the organ of comprehension. You realize your loved one's presence. The gloom is gone, the chill has left and you are face to face with Life—pulsating Life and in that moment you are born again, yes, "born again," because you know your loved ones Live! Live! You instinctively know that Death is not a passageway leading to an unknown shore from "where no traveler has ever returned," but you know that Death is a door leading to a bigger and fuller Life — more opportunity — greater achievements—prospects of travel into lands unknown. A peace fills your troubled heart because you know that your loved ones have answered your call, your loved ones have conquered Death.

Man in his helplessness has builded a prison for himself and walled it in, thus shutting out the greatest blessing that could come to him, that of concourse with and access to All of Life. Nothing that man beholds or holds to himself can bring him happiness when those he truly loves lie dead. To be able to see and hear beyond the range of physical sight and hearing is ample recompense for all other shortcomings.

During March, 1848, just eighty-nine years ago, at the little town of Hydesville, New York (The Encyclopaedia, Britannica, 11th Ed., Vol. 25, Spiritualism), two small girls demonstrated through their psychic perception, that communication with those whom the world thought dead, was possible.

For many years these good people were ridiculed by the ignorant and persecuted by the churches. From time to time these merciless foes of progress have made drives to stop the growth of this rediscovered law, miscalled Spiritualism. Even to the present day there continues the persecution of those who seek knowledge as well as those who demonstrate that Life actually exists after the great adventure of Death.

Why this state of mind lingers is easy to explain. It is the POWER of possession. The record of the past is strewn with *martyrs* who dared to step aside from the rank and file and declare themselves opposed to all mob rule, whether in matters of science, service or religion.

Talking with the supposed dead is the most natural thing in the world. Anyone who says that it is not—either does *not* think or else *cannot* bring himself to give up a cherished idea or possession, or, again, he may be *afraid* to meet the dead, preferring to blindfold himself to ease his conscience.

The last two decades have brought even the most skeptical face to face with the demonstrated answer to the old, old question: "If a man die, does he still live?"

The *salvation* of the world lies in the education of humanity in the *psychic law* dealing directly with communication and association with your "dead." You must know that you can depend upon yourself. It is your sight and hearing you want extended. It is YOU who must learn the law governing this discovery of Life After Death. You are the one who will travel into that country. It is you who will take leave of loved ones to go on that journey. You must embark on the voyage alone. Just as you came into this expression of Life alone, so must you travel alone into the next expression of Life. If you have made good use of your psychic energies while passing through this expression, you need not fear to take the journey for your way will be lighted by the knowledge you have gained.

Only a few years ago every group which had broken away from the churches was at sword's point with each other and all were at the throats of any calling themselves Occultists or Spiritualists. What has brought about this change? The dynamic message hurled around the world: "My son liveth, my daughter has spoken from the dead." The veil was rent by the cry of mothers and the silent grief of fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, children and friends. Each group looked up from its self-appointed task of saving the world and listened to the universal anthem sung by those they loved, those who had made the supreme sacrifice to the WAR GOD.

As time passes, the hum of voices is swelling that anthem. The Teachers, the Masters, the loved and the loving, are uniting with those whom they can reach in bringing unity among the groups to the everlasting benefit of humanity. Knowledge that can send out a beacon light, the knowledge of the law governing Life in all its varying moods, in all its forms of progress, is fast becoming established in the world of TIME and SPACE through the SILENT MESSENGERS who come to us in our hour of mourning, in our moments of struggle, when we are tempted, sore perplexed, discouraged or at the brink of despair. The voices, low and sweet, attuned to our ear alone, break the shackles that have bound us and we walk free, every man according to his understanding of the Law of Life. YOU may call it the lost WORD, another may name it Spiritualism, and yet another Psychic Science. In fact, each may cherish his own christening name for the "great awakening" that comes to him, but the *beacon light* is the same. The service to mankind is one and the same service, that of *guiding the wanderer* to a haven of safety in the darkest hour of Life.

Humanity has been threatened, cajoled, bribed, pushed and pulled this way and the other by this leader and that. First a priest, then a prophet, next a savior. Centuries have come and gone, cycles of centuries have rolled away, still men hide behind *mystic rituals* and cloak themselves in the ceremonial robes of an unreal, *inhuman* philosophy of ethics and laws to govern their lives here and hereafter, mystifying and burdening not only themselves but those whose lives they try to master . . . but when the reaper, Death, comes the shades of night are lowered in a pall of darkness. Only to those whose psychic sight can see beyond the Death curtain has the *comforter* come. He who has psychic sight needs no ritual, priest or prophet. His sight is his salvation in ALL the Life that lies beyond the veil. He knows that yesterday was just as eternal as today is or as tomorrow will be. He knows eternity is TIME, lived or yet to live. He knows that time is his to make use of. He knows that one man has no greater claim on unlived time than another. He knows that he is the MASTER, that he must give his report to himself. He is his own timekeeper and dispenser of his chattels after he passes through that portal of Life misnamed Death.

The greatest mystery that there is today and the one that tries our patience more than all other mysteries combined is why men and women, setting themselves apart from others as Teachers, Leaders, Masters, Saviors, are unwilling to accept the simple *psychic* fact that communication with loved ones or communicating with Masters, Saviors or Saints is governed by the self-same Law that governs

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The Secrets of Handwriting Revealed

THOSE WHO WALK ALONE

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IN AN article some months ago we discussed the tragedy of the misfits. This was in connection with vocations and professions and the misfortunes caused men and women who are misplaced. There is, however, another type of misfit that goes through life and often suffers untold misery. The intensity of their suffering depends upon the various traits that go into the building of their character as a whole. The unfortunates that we here refer to are those who walk through life alone. The friendless or rather those comparatively friendless, the social misfits and the persons who for some reason find it difficult to make friends.

Of course, the reason why some people find it difficult to get along with others or to make friends varies with the individual. In one person it may be one negative trait. In another it is something entirely different. In some persons the social urge is not developed. As a rule these people do not care to make friends and it is only natural for them to want to be alone. However, the average person wants to have at least a few congenial friends and suffers intensely if they should happen to lose one. In any case the sociability of a person is no stronger than some negative trait permits it to be. That is, a person may be capable of being sociable and very friendly except for one particular characteristic, but this single negative trait, whatever it happens to be, undermines the natural sociability of the person concerned. Everyone who has difficulty in making friends should take stock of himself or herself and make a sincere effort to locate the difficulty and if possible remove it.

Men and women in whom the social urge is not developed usually place this evidence in the loops below the line. The formation of the "t" or the "i" may prove them to be even tempered while the condition of the script as a whole shows that they are of a friendly nature. It is only that they do not seem to crave the companionship of others to any great extent. Yet, even in instances of this type the person concerned usually is found to have at least one congenial friend.

It has been noticed that people of this type sometimes have an unfortunate tendency to antagonize those with whom they come in contact. They can not mix with the average person and those they meet instinctively sense this and just as instinctively resent it. The trouble is that when the social urge is not developed it has a decided tendency to give the party concerned an air of aloofness that is difficult to penetrate.

Often people in whom the social urge in not developed spend much time reading. The condition of their writing has also disclosed that many of them are spiritually inclined and take a good deal of interest in religion, theology or something similar. Sometimes the formation of the "p" proves that they like the woods or life in the outdoors. They can go for a long hike all alone and enjoy themselves. It has also been found that some of them are not very good conversationalists. This is always disclosed in the formation of the "a" or the "o". They think about what they read and what they see. Very often they form some very interesting ideas concerning matters in which they take an interest. However, the fact that they have difficulty in expressing their views makes it hard for them to explain their ideas.

Some time ago a young couple came to see us. Their handwritings were as different as any scripts could possibly be. Yet the loops below the line in both specimens proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that neither one of them was as sociable as it was possible to be. The young lady in question was of a friendly nature and liked people. It showed in the condition of the script, the dotting of the "i" and the depth of the strokes. She could meet people and was friendly but when it came to real friendship she drew the line. She simply did not care to make many intimate friends and as a result kept to herself and gave the impression of being distant.

So far as the young man was concerned the slant of the script showed that he is of a very hasty and impulsive nature. He does not hesitate to show how he feels about things. The "a" disclosed frankness in his speech and he admitted being able to talk to anyone. He had the ability to get along with others and his nature is such that he is always reaching out for other people. He wants to know them and exchange ideas with others. Yet, when it comes to forming deep friendships he draws back. He instinctively draws people to him then he holds them away. Quite naturally this puzzles those with whom he comes in contact and he is a puzzle to many, but it is all caused by conflicts in his own nature.

Sometimes an overdeveloped sense of pride is the reason why some people are not as friendly as they could be. This is always disclosed in the condition of the letter "d". Many times this trait is developed to a point where the person concerned is egotistic and conceited. People who are social climbers quite frequently bring out these traits in their writing and more often than not they are guilty of being snobbish.

Persons who possess these traits are much too prone to ignore those whom they consider to be social inferiors. This is something that a good many people need to watch out for because there are very few things that drive others away quicker than to make them feel inferior. It is all very well to have high standards but they should not be measured by social positions.

There are many persons who would otherwise be very likable and pleasant except for their vanity. Because of this trait they lose friends that could otherwise be valuable in more ways than one and their own personality suffers. In the handwriting of persons of this type the loops below the line often vary. Some of these loops disclose a certain amount of sociability while other loops prove the person concerned does not care to be friendly. This goes hand in hand with the vanity because such a person will accept those whom they consider worth while but will close their friendship to others.

Where the letter "d" discloses vanity and the position of the strokes in the writing proves the individual in question is naturally distant this negative trait is intensified. Many times the person in question is so brittle that he or she seem to be afraid to stoop for fear their dignity will suffer. In most instances this is cold vanity that has not the slightest consideration for others. Is it to be wondered at if people of this type go through life without making any real friends?

A very sensitive nature also disclosed in the letter "d" may also cause a person to lose friends and feel alone. This is especially true where the slant of the writing and the condition of the strokes proves the person concerned to be emotional and who possess deep feelings. Such persons are very impressionable and as a result remarks or actions of others go very deep. Their feelings are too easily hurt and because of the depth of the emotions they also feel things a long time.

This brings to mind a specimen that came to our attention some years ago. The writing was that of a young man and although the slant of the writing proved that he was emotional the "d" did not disclose any exceptional sensitiveness. The "t" and the condition of the writing proved that he was even tempered yet he did not make friends the way he should. In this case the capital letters brought out the fact that he was lacking in self-assurance. Most of the time he was afraid that people would not like him and he kept to himself too much.

More often than not the type of persons mentioned in the two foregoing paragraphs are the friendliest people on earth. They are not difficult to get along with unless there is some mean trait that swings the emotions into some negative channel.

The latter was just the case with a woman whose handwriting we analyzed some time ago. She was also very sen-

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The Twelve Labors of Hercules

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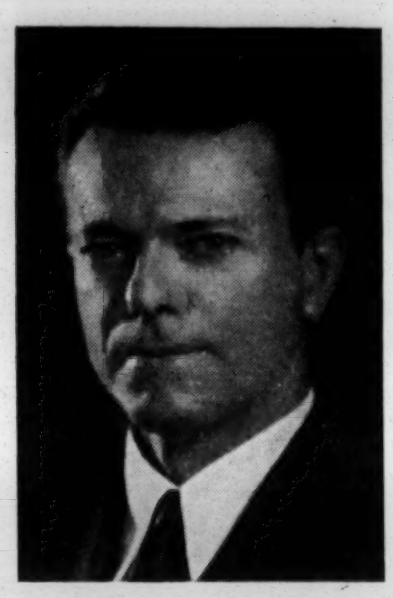

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ONE of the common tenets of astrology, ancient and modern, is that the influence of Saturn tends to attract work and heavy responsibilities. When, therefore, those of olden times wished to comment in terms of universal symbolism upon the importance of labor, it is quite consistent that for the purpose they selected the Saturn-decanate of the sign of Labor. The sun moves through this middle-decanate of Virgo from September 3 to September 13.

Following the methods of universal symbolism still further, which demand that the big influences in life shall be portrayed by equally large pictures, they traced, to represent that labor is essential to all worth-while accomplishment, a man of heroic proportions in the sky. Hercules, mightiest of all the laboring men, has a constellation of vast extent.

Like Samson, who toiled grinding the grain of Virgo in the prison house, Hercules was successful in a number of valorous exploits and was led to ultimate disaster through an unfortunate love affair. Like Samson also, whose final triumph was accomplished through two pillars against which he pushed, placing one hand on each; the two pillars of Hercules perform a function in the Greek version of the ancient story. But the chief claim to renown was the performance by Hercules of his twelve great, and self-imposed, labors.

No sign of the zodiac is bad and no sign of the zodiac is good. Nor can one sign be singled out as better or worse than the rest. Each has its own special possibilities for good and its own special possibilities for evil. Every sign has its best qualities and the worst qualities of other signs. Thus the work required of those born under the influence of each sign is different than that of those born under the other signs, but always it consists of diverting the energies which might manifest through the less desirable qualities of the sign into channels which cause them to express through the better qualities of the sign.

The best quality and the worst quality of any sign express the same type of energy, but through quite different channels. It is almost or quite impossible to convert the type of energy or the character qualifications denoted by one sign into those of another sign. But it is not a difficult matter to divert the undesirable expression of the energy or character into the desirable expression of the energy or character of that same sign. This is the work which Hercules undertook and accomplished.

As there are twelve different signs representing the deep-seated characteristics of the twelve different types of people, and as Hercules undertook to demonstrate how the worst quality could be diverted into the best quality for each of these types, he thus had twelve different great labors to perform before he had finished.

While these twelve great labors, which illustrate to the individual how to convert the weaknesses peculiar to his character into expressions of strength are the most noteworthy tasks which Hercules accomplished. He did a variety of other things also. It is through experiences in doing things that man learns how to accomplish, and as the experiences of Hercules in performing his numerous tasks were so extensive, the Key-word given to the section of the sky he pictures is Experience. And it is to be noted that those born while the Sun is in this decanate usually have a wide range of happenings in their lives.

If a day were to be set aside in all the year to do honor to the sacredness of work, to be correct in its astrological correspondence, it would have to be one of those during which the Sun is in the Hercules section of the Zodiac. If, instead, festivities were instituted to eulogize political personages we should expect them to be observed on Sunday. If they were to encourage art, we should expect Friday to be selected.

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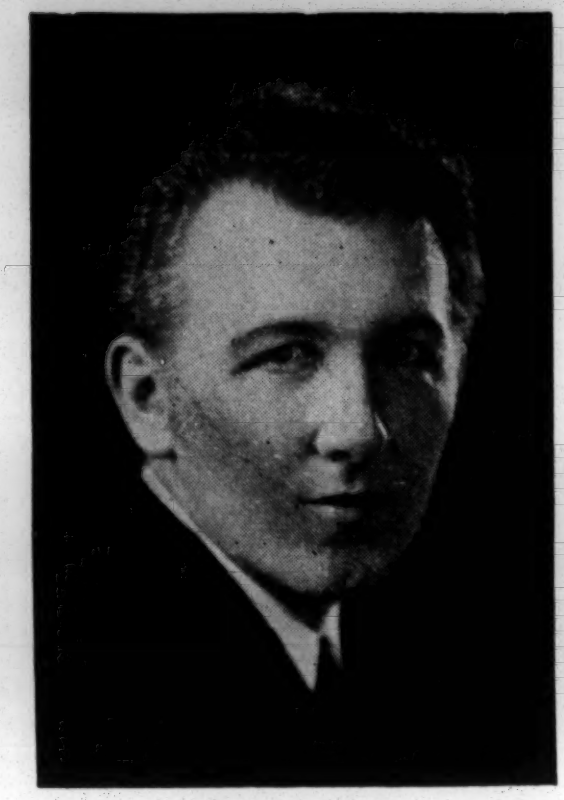

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WORLD OUTLOOK

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THIS short month brings many things before the eyes of the world. It is a month filled with odd developments.

The weather in some parts is unusually seasonable while in other parts the reverse is the case. Some farmers are thrown into consternation and some industries change hands. Business in general appears to flourish. Labor difficulties are with us again this month. Important conferences will be held for naught, for on the heels of some settlements new hostilities break out.

Governmental projects go forward and employment conditions improve. Unless extreme care is taken there will be serious accidents in aviation and on the electric lines: it behooves officials of all transportation companies to observe all emergency laws of safety throughout February.

Some famous deaths, infamous lawsuits, black-mail, robberies and fires take place over the nation. America will be having its little domestic problems, but she will stay free from foreign entanglements.

Europe continues to buzz. Scandals and unexpected governmental action startles the rest of the world. Drastic changes in governmental policies across the water.

There are some strange events in Australia and the South Pacific lands.

The newspapers lend interesting reading all through the month. While February is short it is by no means uneventful.

FEBRUARY, 1937

For the Zodiacal Signs

ARIES

(For those born between Mar. 21-April 19)

Venus in your own sign of Aries now gives you courage to carry out the finer things of a delicate nature which have been pending. Favor from ladies and those in public position. New ideas which come to you should be developed promptly. Health and finances good.

TAURUS

(For those born between April 20-May 20)

Jupiter trine to you and Saturn Sextile brings undreamed of ambitions to the front. Conditions are automatically created for you so that you may go ahead with all of your affairs without delay. Happy news reaches your ears. New friendships come to you. Pleasant trips.

GEMINI

(For those born between May 21-June 21)

Venus favors you all month and Mercury (your ruler) all through the last half of the month. You may then expect some favorable events in home, social, business and friendship affairs. Profitable correspondence, agreements or contracts. Exciting prospects for summer.

CANCER

(For those born between June 22-July 22)

You will now come out of the red and make some progress. Confusions of the recent past fade away. New opportunities come to you. Many favors from others. Happy turns in events. Increase in income. New plans. Short trips prove profitable. Good health prevails.

LEO

(For those born between July 23-Aug. 22)

Rather unsettled for you in Leo but not so bad if you do not worry. Spend your odd moments in studying something. Get recreation and entertainment regularly; do not isolate yourself from the world. Be careful to prevent sickness from colds and accidents by carelessness.

VIRGO

(For those born between Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Mysterious things round about you may keep you uneasy; do not take these things too seriously—they will pass off harmlessly. Venus is against you so the little details of every-day life may be occasionally disrupted at times. Have patience. Guard your health.

LIBRA

(For those born between Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Do not go at too great a speed. Take things easy. Otherwise the month is good for recreation, romance, adventure, travel, changes and business or your work. Happy conclusions to some personal wishes. Curb extravagant tendencies. Do not neglect your health.

SCORPIO

(For those born between Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

The unexpected is bound to take place. Make few advanced plans, lest you have to change them. Things are reshaping themselves in your life now. Better conditions are just ahead of you. February brings favors, increased income, flattering propositions and new hopes.

SAGITTARIUS

(For those born between Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Venus good to you this month and Mercury coming to your aid. After the 14th you should experience many thrilling changes and improvements. Some steady, hard work, but also reasonable

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Personal Astrological Daily Guide

Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

G: Capital G means a very good day. Ask favors, seek work, sign papers, promote your affairs, take trips, advertise, make friends, investigate, attend to everything of importance. Go places and do things.

g: Small g means a slightly good day. On these days attend to usual routine, make offers, entertain company, visit, write letters, send telegrams, take short trips, improve your personal affairs. Buy things, sell and invest.

A: Capital A means an adverse day. On these days use care and caution in all dealings, avoid accidents, losses, thefts, and guard your health. Also be careful of misunderstandings and engage in no arguments. Take no risks or chances.

a: Small a means a slightly adverse day. On these days attend only to necessary duties, strive to keep cheerful, avoid hurts and wounds, make haste slowly and seek dependable advice before acting. Avoid domestic inharmony.

D: Capital D means a doubtful day. Quite likely on these days several alternate good and adverse influences prevail and you should be discreet in all activities. Do not take too much for granted — don't be too sure. Postpone things.

N: Capital N means a Neutral day. On this day the influences are equally balanced, therefore it is not a very important day. Go about your usual affairs with usual prudence and it will be a successful but uneventful day.

C: Capital C means a Critical day. On these days you should be unusually careful and cautious in everything. Be sure to avoid accidents, sudden losses, explosions, falls, hurts, cuts and bruises. Undertake NOTHING important.

F: Forenoon of this day is good, but the afternoon is adverse; therefore the A.M. should be considered as G and the P.M. as A.

P: Afternoon is good but the forenoon is adverse. Therefore the day should be considered as A in A.M. and G in P.M.

E: This letter will be used in combination with other letters and pertains to the Evening of any day when the Evening influences differ from the influences of the rest of the day. A letter E added to any day means the evening is good for romance, pleasure seeking, amusements, visiting, short trips and general recreations.

V: This letter will also be used in combination with other letters when the evening hours differ from the rest of the day. The letter V added to any day means the evening is adverse for risks or ventures and it is best to remain at home and engage only in quiet recreations with friends or family.

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For those whose birthdays occur between: / Date	Mar. 21—Apr. 19 Ari.	Apr. 20—May 20 Tau.	May 21—June 21 Gem.	June 22—July 22 Can	July 23—Aug. 22 Leo.	Aug. 23—Sept. 22 Vir.	Sept. 23—Oct. 22 Lib.	Oct. 23—Nov. 21 Sco.	Nov. 22—Dec. 21 Sag.	Dec. 22—Jan. 19 Cap.	Jan. 20—Feb. 19 Aqu.	Feb. 20—Mar. 20 Pis.
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2	a	G	a	g	A	g	a	N	D	g	a	G
3	a	G	a	g	A	g	a	N	D	g	a	g
4	aE	GV	aE	gV	AE	gV	aE	NV	DE	gV	aE	gV
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8	a	g	a	G	a	g	a	G	a	N	D	g
9	aE	gV	aE	gV	aE	gV	aE	GV	aE	NV	DE	gV
10	G	a	g	A	G	a	g	A	G	a	g	a
11	GV	aE	gV	AE	GV	aE	gV	AE	GV	aE	gV	aE
12	a	G	a	g	A	G	a	g	a	G	a	g
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26	A	g	a	G	a	N	D	G	a	g	a	G
27	G	a	g	a	G	a	N	D	G	a	g	a
28	G	a	g	a	G	a	N	D	G	a	g	a

DIRECTIONS: First find the column which includes your birthday, then look down that column of letters until you come to the date of the month you wish (given at the left). After securing the key-letter for that date refer to the Gallery of Letters to find out the indications for that day. When more than one letter is given for any day look up both letters for that day and govern yourself accordingly.

This is a Daily Guide for each Zodiacal Sign for the present month.

Remember that when a day is marked G it is good for most all progressive things, even though they might not be mentioned in the paragraph. Remember that a day marked A is adverse for most all progressive things, even though they are not mentioned in the paragraph.

Why "Planetary" Numerology?

THE MENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERS

By PERRY SUITS

AS THE nature of a person or creature is, so will their surroundings be. An owl fits the night season and is seldom ranging for prey in the daylight. An eagle loves lofty peaks, pines, altitude and strong sunlight. His surroundings fit his nature or dominant vibration. It is logical to apply this fact to humans also. "As solemn as an undertaker" is a stock phrase and in general the persons who engage in this occupation, were they grouped together for observation, would be found to have many physical and mental traits in common. They are a distinct type. On the other hand can you imagine a rotund, jovial, expansive and cheery person becoming a mortician? You can not since such a person fits promotion of business, stock broker or similar enterprises.

A man's thinking is directed and controlled by the vibratory laws of his being. Every person responds to a particular number which is in turn the symbol of the planet or luminary indicated by the sum or Mass Chord of the whole makeup of such an individual.

Occultism teaches that humanity has only attained to the five vibration. Five is the number of Mercury and stands for knowledge, science, commerce, education, activity and also anxiety. Who can say this does not fit the present age. Other factors modify or add to this of course, but in general this vibration is the present status of mankind. We are limited to the five senses, but may develop what is called a "sixth sense," (intuition) from practice and experience.

In this general fifth stage of humanity we find nine divisions of sensory degree and thought expression. The education and development of the individual have much to do with the station he chooses.

Here is a fact which I wish to stress at this point; there is a high influence and a low influence to each of the planets or luminaries and when by birth or name vibration One is placed under one dominant number symbol indicating this influence it is the attitude and choice of the individual which determines whether it be high or low. To proceed, it is easily seen that the soldier, reformer, explorer, or any intense, fiery person who THINKS in terms of conquest comes under the Martian ray and answers to the number Nine. Gangsters and gunmen killers represent the low aspect of this influence. All these factors are subject to modification of course. I am stating general facts.

The artist, musician, dancer, etc., comes under the gentle, harmonious, rhythmic influence of Venus and the number Six and think accordingly.

Those who come under the number Seven and the positive phase of the Moon think in terms of the public as lecturer, entertainer, writer or caterer according to the degree of development, but the person coming under the number Two and the Negative Moon will be of an unstable nature, vacillating, indecisive, prone to travel and change.

The man of Science and the merchant think and act in accordance to Mercury and the number Five. Successful business men who follow promotion of large enterprises, stock brokers, philanthropists and persons inclined to extravagance and optimism come under the expansive influence of Jupiter and the number Three.

The Positive Sun and the number One influence thoughts of mastership, authority, distinction, power and high position while the Negative Sun subject, who answers to Four is of the earth and thinks of material possessions, is cunning, an opportunist and is successful only in a small degree and then by the sacrifice of the finer instincts.

Last, and apparently the greater proportion of the people, live and think and act in terms of fear, limitation, privation, delay, accident, disease, etc. These are decidedly under the influence of the number Eight and the planet Saturn. Some of these are so by birth and name and through lack of knowledge have not risen out of it. Others in this group, I maintain, have by brooding over unpleasant circumstances and dwelling in a pessimistic gloom, so tuned their beings to this vibration that they make it permanently their own and it brings more and more of the misfortune that goes with it. In almost every such case the person will adopt a nickname or a residence number which corresponds to Saturn and Eight.

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PARENTAL LOVE—SPACE FREE

By VENUS G. BOOTH

PARENTAL love, space free is the magnet, that something we call power-force, creating physical bodies growing in the vegetable and animal kingdoms and, each comes forth and becomes a living magnetic soul. These little babies are born with a very definite aura around them. The vegetable kingdom reflects in flaming flowers! The animal kingdom reveals it by a glow of light wherein the color remains invisible or hidden!

The aura around the animal kingdom protects, "The Specia Sense," from being recognized by surrounding neighbors, thus leaving them space free. Again the aura keeps the vitality from going off into space, because auras are the envelope of protection of all living Souls. Auras are related to the health, the mental development, and the Spiritual enfoldment, as well as the psychic of both animal and vegetable life. The auras that surround all life is a combination of the electrical magnet of the North Star and the physical bodies wherein life lives. Auras, like electricity and energy, is invisible.

The universe is governed and controlled by the magnet and electric energy of the Sun! All living bodies are just as sensitive to external magnetic conditions as the compass on a ship is sensitive to the magnet of the North Star! Hence, life must take on the physical body (two in one) positive and negative and radiate as the Sun or Auras governed by the law of "The Heavens," measured by the nine digits of mathematics and, not by power, nor riches, nor length of years, ever taking risks and enduring the tireless work, making theories, not theories making life.

The outer self through its aura, registers joy and laughter; gives to the eye a radiant picture of health, love and endurance! Through parental love, space free, for a parent in defense of home and family to be able to smile in trouble, that can gather strength from disaster; and grow brave by reflection; become the living symbol of Life and God.

The Human race is again brought into a new cycle, the Iron Age of the History of six thousand years and, we stand at the open gate of "The Garden of Eden," wherein youth will be blessed with machinery to do their hard work. What a picture of luxury and peace and plenty, in the Sun today with Life and Just Folks in a Nest where love babies grow.

Parental love as a religion ruled China for ages without a standing army or a policeman, until our missionaries introduced another religion among them.

Practical Lessons in Palmistry for the Lay Reader

By ALICE DENTON JENNINGS

Alice Denton Jennings

(Author's Note — In these talks the word "child" is being used throughout, meaning, of course, young children of both sexes, as well as men and women who may be dissatisfied with their present vocation in life. The use of the term is merely for convenience and to prevent verbiage.)

Finger Nails Interpreted

IN THE examination of hands, a careful investigation of the finger nails should be made, for from them can be correctly gauged the general health, the tendency toward certain diseases, as well as the habits and characteristics of the subject.

In order to lay the foundation for a good understanding of these matters, let us consider the biological aspect of the nail. Each nail is composed of two parts: first, its visible body; second, the root, which is imbedded under the skin. There are great nerve centers under the nails, and the nails themselves owe their color to the color of the blood in the capillaries under them. When these nerve centers are operating in a healthy manner, this fact is reflected by the texture of the nail, and on the other hand, when the nerve centers are impaired, this condition leaves its impression on the nail texture by changing the quality of the nail itself. Scrofula, arthritis, hysteria, tuberculosis, paralysis, kidney, liver, intestinal and other disorders, leave their record upon the nails.

As a general rule, the smooth, well rounded and rosy nail is the healthy nail. This is especially true when the nail is of medium size, without spots or ridges and well arched.

Nails ridged along their length often indicate a tendency toward rheumatism, sluggish liver, congested kidneys, ulcerated stomach or intestinal trouble. Transverse ridges indicate past illnesses.

The time element by which we are enabled to gauge the periods of illness, is based on the distance between the ridges or grooves. It requires, ordinarily, about nine months for a nail to grow. The nail is measured from the base to the tip.

With neuritis, an inward curve of the nail is seen, whereas with arthritis, the nail often becomes brittle and deformed. A tendency towards paralysis flattens and whitens the nail. Anemia often causes the nail to take on a whitish, bluish color. Tuberculosis alters both the shape and the condition of the nail.

Long nails do not appear to indicate as great physical strength as the short, broad type. Long nails, with a distinct bluish tinge, often indicate delicate health and poor circulation. Where the color is dark blue, with a ridge at the edge, the indication is towards anemia and digestive troubles. Short small nails often indicate a tendency towards heart trouble.

Short, broad nails indicate better health than the smallest nails and there is usually greater vitality in every way. The health indications which this type of nail is more subjected to are those of the throat and the bronchial tubes. Often there are afflictions of the feet and the ankles. This sometimes includes rheumatism.

Long, broad nails often indicate a tendency towards nervous exhaustion. Individuals with this type nail often work at high tension, are highly strung, and for this reason are more subject to nervous troubles.

Short, narrow nails often accompany a languid, dreamy disposition and show a tendency towards curvature of the spine.

Deformed nails, unless such is caused by injury or operation, frequently indicate diseases affecting the blood and the bones.

Nails, pink in color, indicate normally good health. Where the color of the nail is irregular, varying between pink and white, or white and pink spotted, the indications are that the blood is not in good condition. Pale nails often indicate lack of vitality, whereas blue color shows not only a bad condition of the blood but often relates to ovarian trouble with women.

Where the tip of the nail seems to reflect a bluish-red color, the indications are of bad intestinal elimination, which tends toward slackening the other vital forces and often causes drowsiness and languor to the body.

White spots on the hands of children often indicate irregularities in the functions of nutrition, blood supply or nerves, whereas in adults, the danger is of a nervous breakdown.

In youth, the normal nail is soft and pliable. In old age, hard and brittle and sometimes scaly. In middle age, the normal nail is of good shape and well colored, without spots or blemishes.

A thick nail, in either man or woman, indicates a tendency toward a long life.

Disposition as Shown by the Nails

In disposition, long nailed individuals are sweet tempered. This type is often referred to as the aristocratic type. It is distinctly the sign of the honorable, frank, open minded person, idealistic and often romantic. They are also more impressionable, and as a general rule, their owners take things more easily than nails of other types.

Short Nails

Short nailed persons are usually good critics. They love argument and usually come off well in a debate. They are usually quick, keen and shrewd in their judgment. They are fond of taking notice of things in detail and possess much courage and aggressiveness. They have a keener sense of humor than the long nailed and are quicker and sharper in temper, and are very often skeptical of those things that they do not understand. It is the type nail that demands facts and refutes theory.

The short, broad nail indicates the domineering nature, often pugnacious, with a tendency to meddle and interfere in the affairs of others. There is the tendency to pick a quarrel on the slightest pretext.

Club nails are those that are so short and broad that they show hardly more than a band across the tip of the finger. The attributes of this type nail are often those of brutal stubbornness and carping criticism. If, however, the whole hand is otherwise good, these characteristics may become modified.

The wedge-shaped nail indicates the sensitive person, one easily offended and quick to fancy slights.

The filbert-shaped nails indicates an unusual capacity for self control, one sensitive and refined and often intuitive. Such a shaped nail, bespeaks one not easily aroused to anger, but when they are, they do not forgive nor forget. Where such a nail is white in color, there is little force or aggressive qualities.

Round nails often bespeak a quick and hasty temper, but one which is soon over, leaving no grudge or ill will behind.

Square nails indicate a love of order and authority. Their owners are often exacting and narrow in their views, but at the same time, just and upright, so far as they themselves are able to define the terms.

Large, well formed and shaped nails, indicate considerable force of character, together with the ability to execute and carry out matters to their logical conclusion. This type nail often indicates good business ability.

Small nails indicate a negative nature. Such individuals often have ex-

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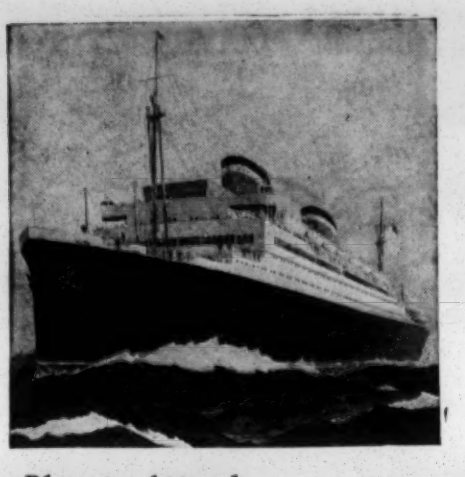

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Planetary Numerology — (*Continued from page 20*)

They are striking that note on life's keyboard and holding it until it swells to a thunder tone and fills their world. How could it be otherwise, for it is a law that whatever thought and attention are fixed upon predominantly, tends to objectify in the environment, in other words it is possible for an individual by prolonged thought and attention to tune his being to the vibration of any of the planets or luminaries and receive the benefits or disastrous effects of such vibration whether or not it had previously belonged to him by birth or name vibration, only in such a case he is practically certain to choose a name, residence or office number which will indicate the vibration in force. Number, when used as symbol, has a mental significance quite distinct from mere quantitative relations.

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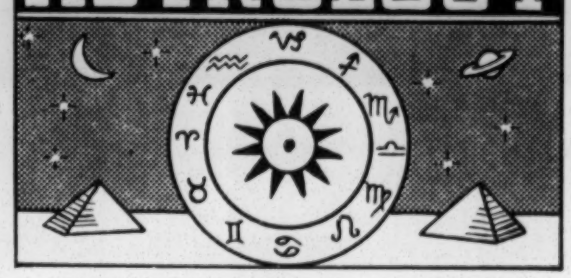

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F. D., Calif. — The position of the strokes shows you are highly expressive as far as the emotions are concerned. This is also why you quickly respond to emotional influences and circumstances. You are capable of putting your feelings into everything you do.

A.D.T., Texas — You are naturally diplomatic and are capable of handling difficult situations. This in spite of the fact that the sensibilities are highly developed. Some of the initial strokes also disclose an active sense of humor.

M.A.M., Calif.—The confusion and consequent inertia that you mention are no doubt due to emotional fluctuations. Many people suffer from occasional let-downs and you possess powerful emotions. Your will power is pretty fair. You have artistic ability and could be a painter, decorator, designer, commercial artist or florist.

Practical Palmistry — (*Continued from page 21*)

cellent ideas, but the ability to carry them out seems to be lacking. There is often a certain amount of passivity connected with this type nail which prevents great achievement. However, where the thumb is large, and well formed, this tendency is often overcome.

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E.M.E., Ind. — Alternately through the summer—after that No!

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The Savored Salt Is Unafraid — (*Continued from page 9*)

"Where do you get your teachings of Christianity from?"

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"If my country needs them, I'd hate to know they were afraid to protect us."

"Of course this is a personal matter. If you want to take the words of men who promote war because of the love of excitement or because of the financial gains or to save a false honor, rather than Jesus' words that plainly speak of peace if you are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, then that is your affair. If you kill by wholesale, you know, this, too, is murder. Real patriotism is being concerned over humanity in your country from a viewpoint of saving the soul rather than from that of saving the body."

"What would you do if some man came into your house and tried to kill your girl? Would you sit there and let him?"

"I have faith that this won't happen through the law of believing and you shall receive. What did Daniel do when he was in the lion's den? He worked from within instead of without. He had faith, and God did not go back on him."

"So you think the United States ought to sit down and let some nation take us and make slaves of us?"

"No nation should go to war. 'And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is to destroy soul and body into hell.' Every church should put the following verse over the pulpit, so that the members could sit there and read it: "Woe unto you for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of law, judgment, mercy and faith.' You know, 'If God be for us, who can be against us'?"

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Neptune, the Elusive — (*Continued from page 10*)

When a man's body lies horizontally, with the head to the North, the colors are the most brilliant, passing from blue at the head through blue-green to dark green, light-green and yellow, golden yellow and orange to red at the feet. If the body is slowly revolved so as to pass through the successive points of the compass, a series of remarkable changes takes place. The original colors are no longer seen but the blue at the head undergoes successive changes by the admixture of the other colors according to the angle of deflection. (Sepharial.)

Planetary vibrations impinging upon the magnetic aura of the earth affect man whether he is conscious of it or not. Experiments show, by directing the rays of Jupiter and of some of the fixed stars through the telescope to a selenium screen at the distance of ten feet, that the comparative effect was of a candle 1; of Procyon 0.261; Cygnus 0.262; Aldebaran 0.279; Orion 0.685; of Jupiter 3.272.

The twelve signs of the Zodiac, with their vibrations and colors, groupings of planets in different years, affect not only the people on the earth but the vegetation, business and mental conditions.

As the movements of the stars and planets are regular and rhythmical, there are cycles of thought and action, events which come regularly affecting the world's affairs and weather according to the energy, color and vibration of the auras. Some of these cycles are favorable and some are revolutionary and upbuilding. For instance, the man born during the last ten days of March and the first twenty days of April has many obstacles and difficulties between the ages of forty-nine and fifty-six. Persons born between the last ten days of July and the first twenty days of August, feel this retarding influence between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-eight.

Countries and nations feel this more or less keenly, according to prevailing conditions existing, all things in the universe experiencing an ebb and flow.

All planets have a different rate of vibration, color, force and sound. Mars radiates energy and a red ray. This energy drives the snowflake and the crystal to its geometric shape, everything being created according to its own rate of vibration.

Everyone is concrete symbol, embued with certain planetary vibrations existing at his birth—the various configurations and horoscopical conditions which link him to everything in the universe whether it be to a star fish or a star.

If these radiations are harmonious, his life is normal and comparatively happy, with opportunities for progress both mental and spiritual. If inharmonious, then his experiences teach him lessons which produce more harmony and peace in his next incarnation.

Since the exertion of the will has everything to do with whether a man overcomes or succumbs to the conditions which hem him about is of the greatest importance and should be considered first in the education and development of his mind and heart.

By *knowing*, man learns to use and profit by the favorable vibrations at his birth and avoid many a pitfall in his path.

The effect of color on the emotions is well known, yet it is interesting that red is stimulating, orange is tonic, green is passive, blue sedative, etc. Saturn is blue; Jupiter rays are purple; Mercury rays are violet, the highest in vibration and mental in nature.

So herbs and chemicals affect the physical body through vibrations and effects which have their source in the Zodiacal signs. Aries is exciting, Taurus demulcent; Gemini strengthening, etc., each having its own effect on the material plane and physical body.

The planets, too, have their effects for the Moon contracts; Mercury neutralizes; Venus soothes; the Sun relaxes and expands; Mars stimulates; Jupiter nourishes.

We have the essence of the stars in us, and the human body is a constellation of the same powers that formed the stars in the sky. When one thinks of Mars they think of iron. This law of correspondences obtains throughout the universe, and by taking advantage of law we are able to "rule our stars" more or less and not be ruled by lesser adverse impulses.

A person born with most of the planets above the meridian is more positive than one born when the planets are below the meridian, the latter being more sensitive and negative. Kaiser and Napoleon had Mars in their mid-heavens.

So we might consider the world as a center of a great kaleidoscope, undergoing changes of color from hour to hour, and making corresponding changes in the feelings and affairs of people according to their sensitiveness.

Ernest Fox Nichols, late professor of chemistry at Harvard, segregated a ray of light from Arcturus and in order to do so he was obliged to use an instrument so sensitive that it registered the heat of a candle at the distance of a mile.

It is absurd to think that the great minds of the past, the men who planned and built the pyramids, those astronomers and astrologers who calculated eclipses without telescopes and such scientists as Camille Flammarion, Newton, Copernicus, Demoncritus, Aristarchus, Pythagoras, Mercurator, Napier who invented logarithms, Hippocrates, Flamsteed, Keplar, Dalton and scores of others, were laboring under a delusion and did not know what they were doing.

If we take a few minutes to study the position of this wondrous planet Neptune during 1932 and until late in 1942, we should bear in mind what the sign Virgo signifies. First, it is

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Dreams Do Come True! — (*Continued from page 8*)

fact, that he had been at the point of death for many days. I told her I was from out of the city and she suggested that I get in touch with his special nurse. I did this and she told me that I might see him for a few minutes. I went to see him at once and found that on the night of February 2 he had unexpectedly had a ruptured appendix. They operated immediately. He was terribly ill for days. His first thoughts that night were of what I had told him regarding his health and I, being highly sensitive, had responded through the dream—no doubt being with him at the hospital, for it is not far from the river. I interpret the ear of corn as being food for thought and nourishment for the soul, and I have returned to him again and again regarding my occult experiences.

After having these experiences I became deeply interested in dreams and since then have had one remarkable experience which came true exactly as indicated. Why should one not believe that such experiences are warnings and that they do portray future events? There is no teacher quite like experience, even though one may sometimes suffer deeply therefrom. I do not hesitate to state that I sincerely believe that dreams of a positive nature do portray the future in either a natural or symbolical way.

Humanity and the Psychic Law — (*Continued from page 15*)

the communication one with the other before the physical death. To add another word to this over-lengthy message, *communication with your loved ones by whatever method is used is just as vital to them and to you as communicating with Masters, Saviors or Saints.* The voice of Mother or Father rings true. If you are a devil in the flesh you will be a devil in the spirit until you learn better. If you are gentle, true and kind, Death is not going to turn you into a devil.

The simple Psychic-Law needs no interpreter—IT IS, and all use it. Some are more conscious of its power than others. The best formula I can give you is to cast out all fears, prejudices and teachings regarding Death that do not stand up under a *common sense* application of the law by which you test any other experience.

Psychic sight is simply extended sight or attunement to a finer rate of vibration. It is bringing up the tone of your hearing by the same method by which one tunes a musical instrument, and it is done by a mental process known as observation flanked by analysis. A quiet mind, a calm soul, are the tuning forks needed if you would attract the more advanced souls in the spirit.

Communicating with the living dead, is done by the self-same law which governs every other form of communication, the communication of man with man, beast with beast, bird with bird —every form of communication, even that of the worm of the dust with its mate or that of the blossoms of the trees with one another. You may call it instinct or intuition if you please to do so; it is just one form of the countless millions used by Nature. Why *make a ritual of it? Why call it Science, why dub it Religion for groups of people to quarrel about?*

How to develop this psychic sight, do you ask? It will develop itself within you if given a chance. First of all, cast out fear, nourish confidence, first in yourself, then in those whose help you seek. Cease to believe *false teachings* about Life and its future state of expression after Death. Take the right to think as you please and have the courage of your convictions to follow it up. Cultivate patience, know that it took billions of our Sun years to fashion you to the point of becoming a thinking entity, ready for physical birth. Know out of the Silence ye come—and into the Silence do ye return, and in the Silence do ye give utterance to the pearls of wisdom, for knowledge is power only when clothed in the wisdom of the Immortal. Therefore, if you would develop extended sight and hearing, ye MUST become silent within—even though the battle rages without.

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Those Who Walk Alone — (*Continued from page 16*)

sitive but in this instance the condition of the strokes proved that she was of a highly sensual nature. Added to this the compactness of the writing showed that she was self centered and the "n" disclosed a critical nature. These negative traits eliminated much of her real friendliness as well as sympathy. She was selfish and critical and she was always criticizing other people. However, her own sensitiveness made it impossible for her to take personal criticism and if anyone said anything to her she felt terrible. As far as acquaintances are concerned she has many but when it comes to trustworthy friends there is more than a grave doubt.

Jealousy is another trait that has driven away many a friend. This negative characteristic is to be found in the formation of the capital "I" as well as in some initial strokes on the words. J e a l o u s y automatically causes all friendly feelings to close up and the person concerned gets a biased view of things in general. It does not make any difference what the cause of the jealousy happens to be. The effect is the same.

There are so many people who are self conscious that it shows in a high percentage of the specimens that come to our attention. Some of those who have studied human nature claim that this trait has caused more suffering than anyone will ever realize. Self consciousness always shows in the "m" or the "n" and proves the individual in question is the victim of some kind of fear. Many persons suffering from self consciousness are too timid to mix with others. Very often they are alone even if they happen to be in a crowd and if the attention of others should be centered upon them they get so nervous that it is impossible for them to be themselves. To meet strange people and make new friends is often extremely difficult for them and for this reason they cling tenaciously to the few they are fortunate enough already to possess.

Then again there are men and women who go blundering through life doing or saying things that drive others away. They do not realize it but often the finals on the words in their writing proves that they are emphatic and outspoken. They are too blunt in nearly everything and tactlessly hurt people so that they are not popular or even well liked. In their blindness they often blame others for the lonely life they lead.

Many a promising career has been blighted by the negative traits brought out in this article. Sometimes the possession of one of these characteristics has caused the person concerned to lose out. In other instances difficulties have come about through a combination of two or more. At the same time there are many other traits not mentioned here that bring about loneliness, and there are reasons why people are not good mixers and yet they work their way to fame and responsible positions.

Two of the greatest Presidents this country ever had did not make friends very easily. Nor did they care very much to mix socially. One of them was so backward that at his own wedding some people did not know he was the groom. Yet both of these men were successful and loved by all who really knew them. They had courage to be themselves and to carry out their own plans regardless of opposition.

Bringing Your Stars to You — (*Continued from page 18*)

recompense from it. Many interesting social and friendship events take place. Good health.

CAPRICORN

(For those born between Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have been groping in the dusk long enough; now things will begin to brighten up. Keep busy, brush up your smile and forge ahead—a sort of new day is dawning for you. You may take some trips. Also have considerable gain and increase. Favors from elderly persons.

AQUARIUS

(For those born between Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Nothing really important is scheduled for you. Attend to regular routine. Spend your time reading or studying or doing odd jobs around home. Do not make drastic changes until next month. Better guard your health from colds or flu now. Make new friendships.

PISCES

(For those born between Feb. 20-May 20)

February brings in some minor confusions and vexations in your personal affairs. There is nothing serious, but a series of minor vexations. Keep your temper sweet. Guard health from inflammatory disorders. Attend to necessary routine only. Postpone travel.

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Twelve Labors of Hercules — (*Continued from page 17*)

Thursday would be more fitting for celebrating the attainment of wealth.

But the Moon rules the common people; those who sweat and toil and hope for jobs; and thus Labor Day falls on Monday, the day of the Moon, while the Sun is in that section of the sky pictured by the greatest toiler of which we have tradition.

Although Samson slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass, perhaps the most remarkable of his works was his use of foxes to destroy the crops of those who had treated him unjustly. Foxes, of course, in ancient times as well as in those more modern, are universal symbols of shrewdness and cunning.

The international policy of certain nations at the present day is to incite rivalry between other nations which might become a menace to their plans. While these quarrel and wrangle, the nation at the bottom of the difficulty is able to obtain the things it wants without molestation. The others are too busy endeavoring to get the best of each other to notice lesser things.

But whether incited deliberately or not, such strife between nations, between factions within a nation, or between antagonistic groups of thoughts within the finer body of man, tend to weaken each and to make destruction of the whole more easy. It was not that the Maya were lacking in fighting ability that the Spanish conquered them with almost no resistance. It was because for the three hundred preceding years there had been constant warfare between the tribal groups within the nation; and some of these tribal groups were not averse to witnessing their adversaries despoiled by the Spaniards.

Great Britain has not found it difficult to rule a population of some 200 millions in India, because some 60 million Mohammedans prefer British rule to that of their enemies, the Hindus; and because the Hindus prefer British rule to that of the Mohammedans. It is because of this antagonism between large factions that has enabled 100 thousand British soldiers to keep masters of the situation.

When Hindu and Mohammedan meet, the fires of hate start blazing and only for the presence of British soldiers are they prevented from causing great destruction to life and property.

The inevitableness of the destruction of the fruits of human labor which follows such antagonisms, either among people or among the thought groups within the astral body of man, is well set forth in the story of Samson's foxes. Cunning was pitted against cunning, shrewdness against shrewdness; as often we have witnessed the efforts of people, each to get an unfair advantage of the other, bringing disaster to both.

It seems that the Philistines were harvesting their grain; some of it still standing and some of it cut and placed in shocks. To avenge himself upon them Samson caught 300 foxes, paired them off, with the tails of each two united by a firebrand one end of which was tied to each of the tails.

The worst quality of the sign Virgo, of which Samson represents the middle decanate, is criticism. And the mental qualifications for keen criticism as well as those for unfair practices in bargaining, are well expressed by a fox. Criticism, however, may be either constructive or destructive. It may point out a more advantageous way of doing something, a better line of conduct to be followed in which case, if the criticism is sound it may be helpful and constructive.

On the other hand, more frequently than not, criticism takes the form of deploring what is done, pointing out weaknesses without indicating how they may be strengthened, and fault finding in general. This type of criticism often is engaged in by political opponents, by factions within an organization and by people in their domestic associations.

When people are subjected to destructive criticism they are apt to reply in kind, and the heat of the controversy is well symbolized by a burning brand. Thus the consequences of such bickering between individuals or between larger groups is dramatically described in the account of what happened when Samson lighted the firebrands between the tails of each pair of foxes and turned them loose.

The foxes ran frantically through the standing grain setting it afire. They tried to find shelter in the shocks of grain that had been cut and awaited to be taken to the threshing floor from the heat that scorched them. And when the grain fields were thus ablaze they fled to the vineyards and olive groves hoping to find refuge from their torture. Instead these also were ignited, so that the crops of the year, of all kinds went up in flames. Nothing was left to the Philistines to show for their toil.

Such is the common result of destructive criticism. It kindles the fires of hatred and destroys whatever labor already has accomplished. It is a consuming influence which leaves nothing in its wake but bitter ashes. And it is just as destructive when applied to self as when applied to the endeavors of others.

The constant calling attention to the faults and imperfections of any person, including oneself, brings the image of the undesirable action or quality before the unconscious mind. When we think about a thing we are supplying it with thought-energy. Therefore, the more we think about an undesirable thing the stronger it becomes within our unconscious mind. Traits of character feed upon the attention given them.

This does not mean, of course, that we should ignore weaknesses, or neglect to strengthen them. But finding fault, especially when such criticism arouses an emotional reaction, merely impresses the defect more strongly through the power of suggestion, upon the unconscious mind, and makes it more difficult

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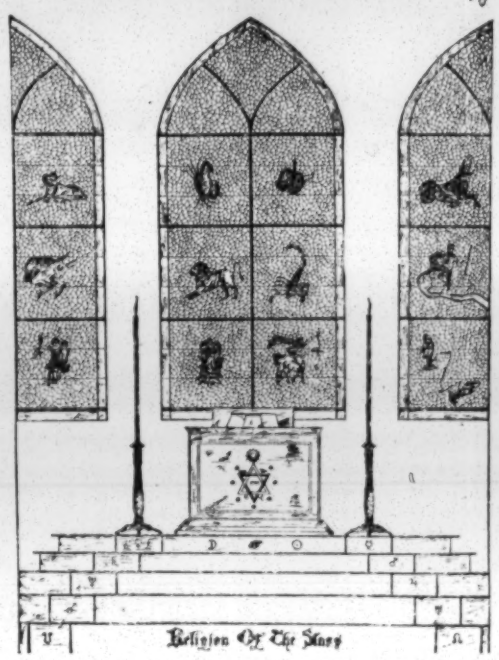

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Neptune, the Elusive — (*Continued from page* 26)

an earth sign ruled by the planet Mercury and it represents religion, science, philosophy and literature as well as chemistry, food, grain, communications, travel, medicine, nursing and healing.

Neptune is called god of the Sea, and represents love, brotherhood and renunciation, but its higher phases operate after regeneration has taken place. Its influence seems evil for material things but good for spiritual things, so that we may look for many changes in all matters which Neptune and Virgo rule during its stay in the sign which ends December, 1942.

A better understanding of Neptune's influence may be gleaned from looking back into history and studying periods in which Neptune was in Virgo. We would expect to find, besides wars and revolution, many outstanding events of an intellectual, scientific or religious kind, and some of these are as follows:

In 1763 and the period in which Neptune was in Virgo the one preceding 1928 by 165 years, we find that the Royal Academy of Arts was founded in England, with Joshua Reynolds at its head. (1768.)

The first edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica was printed and three years later Priestly discovered oxygen.

Delving into the preceding period again for information concerning the secrets of this subtle and elusive force, we find it brought Napier's invention of logarithms which he stated would better enable him to study astrology. Bacon and Shakespeare also regaled the world with their literature, the Bible was translated and printed seven years later. (1611.)

1605 brought the irrepressible Don Quixote and in 1610 the first telescope was invented in Holland and the Catholic League was formed under the Duke of Bavaria.

The next preceding period of fifteen years, brought out the events of 1433 to 1448. In this period we note that Ulugh Beg compiled the star tables, and the next year was marked by the first use of movable type for printing. Joan of Arc heard her voices and a year later was taken prisoner.

1446, under the influence mentioned, we find the birth of Pergugino, the founder of the Roman School of Painting in which Raphael studied, and 1447 was the year in which the Library of the Vatican was built.

The next preceding period of Neptune in Virgo was 1268 to 1283 in which Bonaventura, the great mystic, flourished; also Thomas Aquinas, the great scholar; the year 1270 was a great scientific and literary period for Spain, and in 1280 Roger Bacon became a pioneer of science. In 1280 Robert of Gloucester became the author of the metrical chronicle of England.

The preceding period marked the founding of the Knights Templar, the next one made Flanders the seat of Western industry, while the next, from 773 to 778, was called the Golden Period of Learning in Arabia, and was the time of Paulus Diaconus, historian of the Lombards.

The next preceding period, 610 A.D. was the time of Mohammed and the beginning of the Tang Dynasty, the Golden Age of Literature and the beginning of the Mohammedan Calendar.

The year 278 brought the Neo-Platonic Philosophy and the Gregorian code of Civil War.

A golden thread of similarity gleams through this woof of time to make this remarkable sequence of events significant to thoughtful students. Each period is marked by advances in literature, science, invention or some outstanding event peculiarly characteristic of Virgo stimulated by the Neptunian ray. Researchers find the era before Christ even more remarkable but far more difficult to verify.

Shedding new light on old truths proves that the universe is a symbol and everything in it symbolical. To read patiently, weigh facts deliberately and judge impartially brings wisdom and security. The uninformed are prone to disbelieve that which they cannot understand.

Virgo is the house of study and learning; of gardens, libraries, deeds, charts and plans; of priests, chemists and philosophers. The ancients called it the Garden of Eden, an eternal abode of happiness, the Tree of Life in the center. It was the union of the spiritual and natural body and was deemed a sign of cloister thoughts and religious principles.

The criterion of consciousness is response to stimuli. This can be seen in vegetable and animal life or chemical action. The rose, conscious of sunlight, unfolds its velvet petals. The sunflower turns its face to the sun-god from sunrise to sunset. Mankind responds to solar rays, denying their power while responding. Many deem it unreasonable that their puny actions should be influenced by the Sun or Moon. *Occult researchers have learned that what is reasonable may not be true and what is true is often unreasonable.* When we know more about radiation, vibration, light, color and sound, we will begin to understand what God really is.

Far back in the mists of antiquity, or mythology, we learned that Neptune ruled the sea. A curious incident of the great earthquake of 1908, in southern Italy, confirmed many in this belief. Old Messina, the richest and most beautiful city in southern Italy, with twenty-four smaller towns along the Siculo-Calbrian coast, was utterly destroyed by earthquakes, burning lava, devouring flame and a 150-foot tidal wave. No such devastation and desolation had been known since the days of Pompeii. Under the wreckage lay thirty thousand human bodies.

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to overcome. Children who are continually criticized by their parents are receiving strong suggestions which increase the difficulty of adhering to a better line of conduct. And, likewise, the more we find fault with ourselves the more we feel dissatisfied with ourselves, the more powerful becomes the thing within ourselves which causes the dissatisfaction. And if it gains enough strength through this internal dissension it will start a consuming fire within which, like Samson's foxes, will destroy the fruit of all our efforts.

Constructive criticism, on the other hand, while recognizing a weakness as such or that a type of conduct is unworthy, does not dwell upon this aspect of the matter. Instead, it concentrates its attention and energy upon the correct line of conduct, or the proper way to strengthen the observed weakness. The thought-energy thus flows into and feeds the action which is desired, instead of its opposite. In this manner not only is the mental image of the undesired thing strengthened, but the image of the undesired thing is weakened through lack of thought nourishment.

In self culture it is quite as important to feel satisfaction when one is doing one's possibilities. If one expects more than lies within the powers of accomplishment there will be certain failure accompanied by the feeling of dissatisfaction. This feeling of dissatisfaction, in its turn, directs energy into channels which are destructive and lessens the ability in the future. When one has a biased appraisal of one's own powers, unjust and destructive criticism toward oneself may readily result.

On the other hand it is quite as easy for some individuals to feel that they are living up to their possibilities when they are living far below them. Their appraisal of their abilities is too low and they have a feeling of satisfaction from accomplishment which is much less than it should be. Yet this does not signify that they should be critical of themselves in the destructive sense; but merely that they should recognize that they should strive for a more lofty goal.

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they made of him a corrupter of youth. When offered a chance to escape he bravely refused because he said his very deed of escaping a lawful punishment would teach young men by his example to break the law.

What a noble mind that must have been. Without regard to personal cost, he refused to trade his mighty principle and the good of the youth for freedom and his life. He knew that he was traveling in the right direction even though the way was bound by agonies and hardships and death. It was the happy end, the mighty end of the road which he held ever in his mind, that gave him the strength to give up all he held dear. He knew that his escape would work more harm into the minds of the youth he loved than a mere cup of poison could do him. Hemlock could only take from him his physical existence upon which he placed no value, but his cowardly escaping from lawful punishment would set an unworthy example which nothing could efface.

Considering the cost which was death, Socrates decided that the future of the youth of his country was more important, and he happily sacrificed his life for that grand principle.

Catherine de' Medici considered not the cost to those around her in working toward her bloody goal. She compelled her weak-minded son, Charles the Ninth, to consent to the Bartholomew massacre, and on a certain day at an appointed signal which she herself gave, there began a carnival of blood in which Christian murdered Christian, and all the rest of the world stood aghast. During the weeks of the historical murders, the streets, the gutters and the River Seine of Paris, ran blood. Afterward, Catherine compelled her son to acknowledge before the Parliament and the world that he was responsible for the horrifying crime. Catherine did not consider the cost of her acts. She was not warned by the sign posts along the road of the terrible goal toward which she was traveling at break-neck speed. Unlike the heathen Socrates, who pursued his way to happiness without regard to cost, she, the Christian, pursued her way to a miserable existence likewise disregarding the cost.

If the acts bring unhappiness and sorrow and grief and misfortune into the lives of those you touch, they are the infallible sign-posts pointing out to you that you are on the wrong road. Consider the cost to yourself and to those about you before you go on. And before you continue traveling the same road, ask yourself the question, "Is it worth it?"

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Neptune, the Elusive — (*Continued from page 30*)

But strange to say among the ruins stood a statue of Neptune—majestic and alone—trident in hand, unharmed by an angry sea. Pious survivors pointed to the statue serenely surveying the wreckage from a superb fountain footstool only to declare, "The sea respects its god."

The complexes of natural law are bewildering unless we recognize first a great intelligence guiding the universe, then interpret physics by chemistry and chemistry by astrology and blend it all with brotherhood:

"A flash of light,
A mind content,
A soul at peace,
That's love."

Capricorn may be understood as contraction, Sagittarius as expansion, etc. In chemistry these are crystallization and evaporation, respectively. These operate throughout the universe which may be in its final analysis, expressed in mathematics.

But in the midst of sweeping stars which question not, man stands with his petty wars, feuds, hatreds and misconceptions. The invisible and visible world around him plays upon him with its colors, light and sounds and above his head gleam a thousand reassuring messages to the tired soul, but he will not even look!

If we are to judge the coming age from the past performance of Neptune in Virgo, we may look for many changes in thought during the next few years regarding healing, invention, telepathy, transportation, communication with other planes, and a leveling of creeds and forms, a renaissance in literature and a higher stage of civilization after much turmoil.—*Reprint from Stars and Planets Magazine.*

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